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#### THOUGHT TO BE DEAD.

The late Thomas Coffey of Marinette, who died in this city Tuesday, once had the unusual experience of returning home to find his friends and family mourning for him as one dead.

It happened in 1893 when he lived on Washington Island. He and his brother Timothy went out in their fishing boat the Feabird. The rudder broke and thus cut off their means of getting into any port. After drifting helplessly for four days and four nights they were cast upon South Fox Island and later picked up by the Vescoff and returned home after an absence of ten days. They had long since been given up for lost and upon their arrival the mourning was turned into rejoicing.

#### DEATHS.

Thomas Coffey of Marinette, died at the home of his son, the late Thos. Coffey, Jr., of this city Tuesday at the age of 83.

Since he came to attend the funeral of his son, he has gradually been falling in health until Tuesday when the end came. Mr. Coffey was well known in the city, having been a frequent visitor.

He is survived by a wife, three sons Richard, Patrick and James, a daughter Mrs. Destines and a brother Timothy.

The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at nine o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic church. Interment will be made at the Catholic cemetery.

Those from out of town who will attend the funeral are Mr. and Mrs. R. Coffey of Marinette, the former a son; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Coffey of Chapel, Mich., the former a son; Mrs. Destines of Marinette, a daughter; Timothy Coffey of Marinette, a brother; Arthur Coffey of Marinette, a nephew; Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Marinette, the latter a niece; Capt. J. J. and Thos. Coffey of Cleveland and Sandusky, Ohio, nephews; Mrs. A. C. Lushow of Tomahawk, a niece. Mrs. Pate Doyle of this city is also a niece of the deceased.

John McDonald, aged 58 died at St. Mary's Hospital, Thursday of pneumonia. Mr. McDonald was formerly a resident of this city where he and his family are well known. Of late he has been working in a camp near Bundy and was taken ill at the camp. He is survived by a wife and two daughters, Olive and Margaret. Miss Olive being employed as a teacher in our city schools. The funeral was held Sunday at the home on Baird Ave. Rev. S. J. Tink conducting the services.

William F. Hentschell aged 32, died Friday at his home on the South Side. He had been ill for some time with tuberculosis. A widow and two boys survive him. The funeral took place at St. Mary's church Saturday afternoon.

#### ELECTED OFFICERS.

The Northern Wisconsin Development Association has perfected its plans and its organization is completed. At a meeting held by the directors at Ashland Nov. 29, D. M. Maxey of Washburn, was elected President; E. S. Shepard, Rhinelander, Vice-President; D. W. Maloney, Glen Flora Secretary; W. G. Fordyce, Butternut, Treasurer. The meeting decided to send out a lecturer equipped with a stereopticon and views illustrating the agricultural and industrial resources of the counties represented in the Association. Exhibits of Grasses and Grains will be exhibited as formerly and literature describing the counties will be liberally distributed. Nearly every county of Northern Wisconsin has joined in the work and have liberally donated towards the expense. Forest and Oneida have each advanced \$500. It is certainly a great advertising proposition which in time will produce good fruit.

The Oneida county board has disregarded the appointment of a County Road Superintendent. Had the office been established, Dan Gagen was at the head of the list for appointment.

#### USE MAILS TO DEFRAUD.

A special from Des Moines, Ia., under date of Nov. 29, says: "Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago were indicted today charged with using the mails to defraud. The indictment is on three counts. It is alleged that the company misrepresented articles in its catalogues sent through the mails. The first count charges that on June 13, 1907, the company devised a scheme to obtain money by false pretenses from Dr. C. F. Spring of Des Moines by selling him white lead that Sears, Roebuck & Co. claim to have made. The indictment alleges it was made by others. The second count is on a ring bought by R. N. Miles, and the third count is the sending of another ring, alleged to have been misrepresented through the mails."

#### BABY WANTS A HOME.

Rev. P. Petersen, superintendent of the Orphans' Home Finding Association of Wisconsin, was in Rhinelander this week on his annual visit. He said that he would be glad to find some good homes where a baby would be welcomed. So, if there are any good families around Rhinelander who would like to adopt a little son or daughter, here is your golden opportunity, and they should write the office 819 Cora Street, Green Bay, Sta. A. Wis.

#### ADVERTISING HARD TIMES.

We noticed in one of two of our exchanges that merchants in neighboring towns are advertising hard times by inserting in their advertisements: "Hard Times sale," "X—mas Goods to Suit Hard Times," etc. You will find no such ads in Tomahawk newspapers.—The Tomahawk.

#### WEDDINGS.

Miss Matilda Recker and Mr. Harry Reeves were united in marriage at the home of Miss Recker's brother D. F. Recker, Pelham street, at 12:30 yesterday. The bride attired in French India linen carrying Bride's roses was attended by her sister Miss Lorraine Recker, who wore pink mull and carried pink roses. Dr. C. A. Richards acted as best man. The bridal party marched to the strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March and were united in marriage by Rev. Hocking. The house was prettily decorated with potted plants and cut flowers.

A wedding luncheon was served to the guests, consisting of relatives, Mr. Carl Borchard, of Minneapolis, being the only out of town guest present. The young couple will make this city their home where they have the congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends.

#### STEADMAN-APPLETON.

Bert Steadman and Miss June Appleton of Weyerhaeuser were married at Bruce Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Steadman will make their home on Arbutus street, where Mr. Steadman's mother formerly lived, and which he has newly furnished. He is well known by many who wish the young couple happiness.

#### MONSIEUR-SMITHEN.

Announcements were received this week of the marriage of Ed. Monsie to Miss K. Elizabeth Austin Smithen at Fallon, Nevada, Nov. 24. Ed is well known in this city, having graduated from our public schools. Several years ago his family moved to Anadarko, Okla.

#### BRODERSEHN-ABBOTT.

Word was received here that on Nov. 27, Miss Elsie Abbott was married to Mr. Harold Brodersehn at Los Angeles, Cal.

#### ROB ROADHOUSE OF \$2,200.

Rhinelander, Wis., Dec. 15.—Two highwaymen, with masked faces and armed with Winchester, held up the roadhouse of James Papineau, between Woodruff and Minocqua, and escaped with \$2,200. They took all the money in the safe, which was open.—Free Press.

Wm. Bovee, a bar tender at Papineau's, John, his brother and Ed. Crowley, were arrested Monday and brought to this city by Sheriff Dolan and Under-Sheriff Vaughan. It seems Wm. had left Papineau's for State Line when his brother John appeared in company with Crowley. They were shackling, having left camp near Mercer where Crowley was employed as overseer and John Bovee as cook of the camp. It is supposed that the deed was planned by Wm. and that a meeting took place the night of the robbery. The examination will be held next Tuesday, when the Marshall and Mr. Green, friends of the accused, of Hurley, will be present to prove an alibi.

#### WISCONSIN STATE CIVIL SERVICE.

Notice of examination for deputy oil inspector.

Notice is hereby given that a general competitive examination will be held at the high school in Crandon, at the high school in Florence, at the city council room in Rhinelander and at the court house at Eagle River on Saturday Jan. 11, 1908 for the position of deputy oil inspector for District No. 54, including Forest, Florence, Oneida and Vilas counties.

The examination is open to men only. Candidates must be over 21 years of age, should reside in the district in which service is to be rendered, and if appointed, must consent to reside at a point easily accessible to places where oil is to be inspected. Persons interested in the sale of oil are not eligible. Appointee may be required to give bond.

Persons interested should write to the State Civil Service Commission at Madison, or to G. C. Young, Florence, H. Kamin, Crandon, F. A. Lowell, Rhinelander, or Grant Cook, Eagle River for application blanks and information.

STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, F. E. Dory, Secretary.

#### NEW WRINKLE IN PLASTERING.

It is now commonly specified by architects in the cities that the plasterer shall cut the plaster at the corner of the rooms and around chimneys and other flues. This leaves the plaster free to shrink in drying and prevents the usual ugly cracks that appear later shooting off across the wall at various angles. The ready made cracks are at least straight and when the walls have permanently settled and the plaster seasoned the ready made cracks can be very easily filled in or papered over, leaving the main body of the wall solid and smooth.—Stevens Point Journal.

#### A Dangerous Deadlock.

That sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations Dr. Kings New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at J. J. Reardon's drug store. 25c.

## CUT PRICES FOR HOLIDAYS

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 21st

20 lbs. Sugar for \$1.00.

Naval Oranges 20c per dozen.

New London Creamery Butter 31c.

Sage Cheese per pound 20c.

These are only a few of the many things we have cut in price for the Holiday trade. Call and see our complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries.

## Nelson, Cash Grocer

#### NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY.

The following new books have recently been added to the library: Children's books—Fiction. Alcott—Little Women. Ewing—Six to Sixteen. Hammond—Pinkey Perkins. Richards—Margaret Montfort. Seawell—Little Jarvis. Ward—Betty Wales, Jr. —Betty Wales Sr. Class.

Andrews—Seven Little Sisters. Baldwin—Old Greek Stories. Kirkland—History of France. Lang—Red Fairy Book. —Red Romance Book. Adult books—Fiction. Burnett—The Shuttle. Field—Second Book of Tales. Hubbard—Trit and Trixy. Parker—The Weavers. Wharton—Fruit of the Tree. Class. Eliot—Poems. Morley—Life and Love. Pope—Poems. Riley—Syrian Home Life. Whitman—Austria.

Of this list of books C. D. Bronson was the donor of nine. A new Scandinavian traveling library has just been received. Aagaard—Arbeid og Son. Aars—Onkel Jacob. Abjornson—Norske Folke-Eventyr. Bang—Fortaellinger for Folket. Bauditz—Absolons Brond. Bolshelm—Vedledning Bibelens Historie.

Blanche—Skuespillerens eventyr. Bojer—En Pilgrimsang. Broch—Norsk og Dansk Litteratur Historie.

Bull—Fonnaasfolk. Bull—Mellem Fjeldene. Dahl—Lina Kjerbo.

Fasting—Fra Jagten her Vesterpaa. Ibsen—Digte. Kraemer—Byens Faedre. Lie—St. Saersyn. Lie—Sorte Orn. Lie—Dyre rein. Loland—Skattergravaren. Marryat—Jacob Aarlig. Peterson—Velen til Veistand. Pontoppidan—Kirkeskuden. Pontoppidan—Lykke-per Hans Kaerlighed.

Prydz—Gunvor Thorsdatter. —Rhingrevens Slot Forste del. —Anden del.

Rolsen—Om "Tordenskjold". Schoyen—Om Kong Sverre. Seland—Hogsumar. Stowe—Onkel Tom's Hytte.

—101 Nats Smukkeste Eventyr Forste del. —101 Nats Smukkeste Eventyr Anden del.

Tissot—Hismareks Politisploner. Tschudi—En Eftersommer. Welhaven—Udvalgte digte. Wergeland—Storste digte.

#### OPENING OF BIJOU.

The formal opening of the Bijou Theatre Tuesday evening drew an audience of about 400 people. The entertainment consisted of moving pictures illustrated songs, etc. About \$38 was turned over to the Woman's Club as a fund for books for the Public Library. The theatre management will have new films three times a week. After the Holidays they will put on vaudeville.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindness and consideration shown us in so many ways by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Markham and family during the time of our bereavement. Thanks can but slightly show our appreciation. C. EBY AND FAMILY.

#### NEW MILEAGE BOOKS ON DEC. 15.

On December 15, the Northwestern railway company placed on sale in the local ticket offices mileage books of 1,000 and 2,000 mile denominations. The first will sell for \$20 and will be honored for one or more persons on the same train. The 2,000 mile tickets will be sold for \$40 and will be honored for only one person. The limit on these tickets will be one year from date of sale. The 2,000 mile tickets will be interchangeable, good on all lines in the Western Passenger association. These tickets will be sold at all the principal stations under the conditions mentioned.

The companies have decided to adopt this plan on account of the many complaints coming from the traveling public, especially traveling salesmen, who experienced considerable difficulty on account of having to buy a ticket from each station to the other. It will be noted the rate remains the same as for single tickets.

#### ADVICE TO OWNERS OF ANIMALS.

If you have a dog and don't want him in the house provide a suitable place for him or else chloroform the dog.

Provide toys for your children, not cats as playthings.

Give your horse proper food and care and he will be a more profitable servant.

You can show your Christianity in the treatment of animals and when you abuse them you place yourself on a lower level than they.

If you know any cases of cruelty report them to the Humane Agent.

#### CHRISTMAS DANCE.

There will be a dance, Christmas night, December 25, at Gilligan's Hall given by the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers' Union, local No. 66 of Rhinelander. The full Military Orchestra will furnish the music. This is the first dance given by the Brotherhood in this city and there is no doubt that it will be a great success.

#### DAIRY INSPECTED.

To stop the question which frequently arises, especially at this time of the year regarding the purity of milk Mr. McLaughlin of the McLaughlin Dairy sent for Mr. J. D. Cannon the State Dairy and Food Inspector.

Mr. Cannon was in town Monday and thoroughly examined every department of the plant and officially reports it, as a clean, up-to-date well conducted dairy in all respects.

#### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECTION.

At a regular meeting of the Flaming Lodge No. 73, Knights of Pythias, held at Castle Hall Friday evening, Dec. 13, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

C. C.—R. G. Lowell. V. C.—L. A. Leadbetter. Prel.—S. A. Brown. M. of A.—H. L. Jewett. M. of F.—S. D. Nelson. M. of E.—M. H. Raymond. M. of W.—N. T. Baldwin. K. of H. and S.—W. V. Reed. I. G.—E. G. Squier. O. G.—E. C. Stardevant. Trustee—George Penning.

#### Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Wonever, one of the best known merchants of LeRoyville, N. Y., says: "If you are ever troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them twenty years ago." Cures every sore, wound, burn or abrasion. 25c. at J. J. Reardon's drug store.

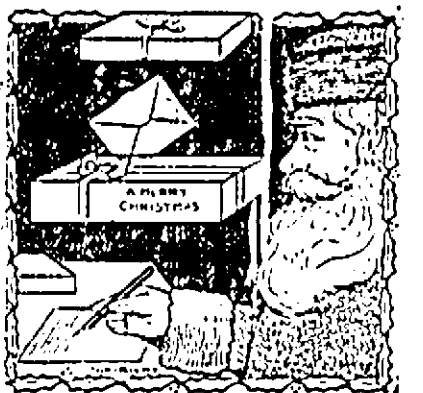
## Holiday Goods

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Holiday Books. The Latest Copyright Books. Books for Children. Calendars and Hand Painted Calendars. Hand Decorated China. Confectionery. Xmas. Packages of Confectionery.

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to your friend see that you use some of that stylish Christmas stationery we bought for the occasion.

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are written on this stationery. Watch and see if the next letter you get from him doesn't verify our statement. We have the finest Christmas stationery you ever saw and at a price you'd smile at when you pay for it.

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## NEWS OF A WEEK TOLD IN BRIEF

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS GATHERED FROM ALL POINTS OF THE GLOBE.

### GIVEN IN ITEMIZED FORM

Notable Happenings Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Summary of the Latest Home and Foreign Notes.

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

President Roosevelt ended the third term talk by issuing a statement saying he still adhered to the declaration of renunciation made on the night of the election three years ago.

Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas made an impassioned speech against the tariff and the tariff.

It was announced at the department of justice that the nomination of William C. Bristol as United States attorney for Oregon, which had been sent to the senate, would be withdrawn in accordance with the department's recommendation to the president.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp, in his annual report, says that his hope that the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians would be greatly diminished by the employment of special officers out of the fund appropriated for the suppression of the liquor traffic has been realized beyond all expectation.

Senator Tillman introduced resolutions directing the committee on finance to investigate the recent proceedings of the secretary of the treasury in connection with the financial crisis and also to make inquiry concerning clearing house certificates.

Mrs. Alice Longworth, wife of Representative Nicholas Longworth and daughter of President Roosevelt, was operated upon successfully for appendicitis.

Delegates to the Central American peace conference in Washington made public an abstract of the general treaty agreed upon, providing for the establishment of a permanent court to settle all disputes that may arise between the countries of Central America in the future.

After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver, Col., and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. It was finally decided to take it all.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Gov. Warner, of Michigan, formally notified State's Attorney General Bird to draft charges against State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier, of Chelsea, looking to his removal from office.

The body of George Whitney, of Canterbury, N. H., was found in the woods lying beside a deer which he had killed. Death probably resulted from heart failure.

William H. Wood, president of the Bowers Savings bank, an institution with more than \$100,000 in deposits, died at his residence in New York from a complication of diseases.

The police of Providence, R. I., were notified that Frank Loebe, of New York, an actor of "The Rose of the Rancho" company, had been missing for two days.

At Cobalt, Ont., he destroyed the house of William Hewitt and caused the death by suffocation of his two little girls.

The fleet of battleships at Hampton Roads was declared to be ready to start on its cruise to the Pacific and to do any service that might be required of it.

J. Dalzell Brown, the imprisoned manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, of San Francisco, made a confession to the bank commission that fictitious entries were made in the books of the bank.

Prince Robert de Broglie announced that he had remarried Estelle Alexander under the French law.

Queen Carol, widow of King Albert of Saxony, who has been ill for some time past, has had a serious relapse. She is suffering from nephritis.

H. J. Easton, 48 years old, cashier of the state bank at Herscher, Ill., shot himself to death in the bank. No reason is given.

Boris Sarafoff, the most famous of all the leaders of the Bulgarian bands in Macedonia, was shot dead at the threshold of his home by a Macedonian.

John V. Cogges, New York commissioner of correction, announced that he has decided to put an end to stripes and lockstep in the Blackwell's Island penitentiary as he believed that they did much to kill any smoldering spark of decency that may remain in the prisoner.

The costly residence of Samuel Baum of Danville, Ill., a retired farmer, was partly wrecked by an infernal machine.

The Stock Yards Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, which closed because of the failure of the National Bank of Commerce, resumed business.

Rear Admiral Evans formally assumed command of the great fleet of battleships assembled at Hampton Roads for the cruise to the Pacific.

The Dominion Atlantic Railway company's steamer Yarmouth, bound from Digby, N. S., went ashore at Black Point, near St. John, N. B.

William H. Parker, one of the founders of the Republican party in Illinois, died at his home in Sterling.

The Missouri Pacific railway abandoned its only passenger train out of Topeka, Kan. The officials gave the two-cent fare enforcement as the reason.

The Mine Owners' association, of Goldfield, Nev., announced that the mines would reopen, the wage scale reduced, no member of the Western Federation given employment and living expenses in the town cut down.

Assistant Secretary Murray of the department of commerce and labor, Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, and Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, left Washington for Goldfield, Nev., to make a thorough investigation of the trouble between the miners and mine operators at that place for the information of the president. The federal troops at Goldfield were ordered not to take sides.

Gen. Funston arrived in Goldfield and announced that he would stay until the danger of trouble was over and that the troops probably would remain there for some time.

From a statement made by Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Hony, of San Francisco, it was believed that the prosecution was contemplating granting Abraham Huef immunity in order to successfully prosecute the butler-graft cases by getting the former political boss to take the stand.

Dr. William Wells, the oldest professor of Union college, affectionately known to the students for a quarter of a century as "Uncle Billy," died at the age of 87 of grippe. He had been connected with Union since 1865.

The bank of Aldrich, at Aldrich, Mo., was robbed of \$2,000 by three bandits.

Prince George of Greece and Princess Marie Bonaparte were married in the cathedral at Athens.

Sir John Roger, governor of the English Gold Coast colony, told a Philadelphia audience the negro was the greatest problem confronting civilization and was becoming as acute in the English colonies as in the United States.

George McCulloch, who for many years was associated with the development of mining industries in Australia, died in London. He was the treasurer of one of the finest art collections in the world.

Aetling Gov. Sanchez of Chihuahua, Mexico, commuted the death sentences of E. C. S. Harjo, William Mitchell and C. T. Richardson to 20 years in the penitentiary.

Rogers H. Post, who recently was renominated governor of Porto Rico by President Roosevelt, was enthusiastically welcomed upon his arrival at San Juan, Porto Rico, and American participants in the demonstration as a rebuke to the opposition.

According to the Pennsylvania railroad, the operation of the two-cent fare law has caused a large decrease in its earnings in Pennsylvania.

On the farm of John Duff, near Bristol, Tenn., his son William, aged 15 years, was playing with a stick of dynamite when it exploded, killing the boy. Mrs. Nathaniel Barnes and Mrs. Eljah Moody and her child.

The governor of Kentucky ordered troops to Hopkinsville to protect the town from night riders.

Harry C. Pulliam was reelected president of the National league for the sixth time. Secretary-Treasurer John Heydler was unanimously re-elected, as was the board of directors.

John G. Jenkins and his three sons, John G., Jr., Frank and Fred, all bankers of Brooklyn, were indicted jointly for criminal conspiracy in having illegally obtained loans aggregating \$907,000 from trust companies of which they were officers.

Leo Pemberton, of Clay, Ky., shot and fatally wounded his son Chaucery, aged 17.

Gov. Harris of Ohio commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death imposed upon John Soloy, of Cleveland.

For love of his neighbor's wife, who had first accepted his advances, but later decided she loved her home and her babies more, D. H. Dreese, a wealthy farmer of Jefferson, Ind., sent a bullet through his brain.

United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory is seriously ill at his home in Pensacola, Fla.

When the Democratic national committee met to select a place for the national convention practically the only candidates were Louisville, Denver and Chicago, with the chances in favor of Louisville.

The last vacant berth in the imposing double line of Pacific-bound battleships was filled when the heavily armed Minnesota, the flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas, steamed into Hampton Roads and took her place at the head of the outward column.

Five most valuable pictures, the works of Eugene Delacroix and Van Gogh, have been stolen from the Museo de Arte, at Amiens, France, together with a collection of coins and art objects valued at about \$50,000.

T. Otway Sadtler, manager of the West End branch of the California Safe Deposit and Trust company, of San Francisco, committed suicide by blowing off the top of his head with a sawed-off shotgun.

Reports of a race war in Pickens county, Alabama, in which many negroes were said to have been killed, were flatly denied by newspaper men of that county.

The White Pigeon (Mich.) carbontite and gas plant was totally wrecked by an explosion. Several persons were severely injured and every window in town was cracked. The shock was felt for 12 miles.

The special holiday statute passed in extraordinary session of the California legislature, to protect the banks and at the same time provide for the business of the courts, was sustained by the United States supreme court.

William J. Rogers, for 40 years prominent in southern cotton markets, died in Lexington, Ky.

In the midst of his speech at the annual dinner of the Minnesota Society of New York, Frank Kellogg, of St. Paul, Minn., who is the prosecutor in the case of the United States against the Standard Oil company for a distribution of the corporation, suddenly collapsed from fatigue due to overwork.

Both Cullman and Walker counties, in Alabama, went prohibition by large majorities.

James Henry Stoddard, the veteran actor, died at his home in Seward, N. J. Mr. Stoddard was born in England in 1827.

The Farmers' Union warehouse at Taylor, Tex., together with about 2,000 bales of cotton, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$125,000.

John Busha, aged 114 years, who served in the Blackhawk war, died in Council Bluffs, Ia.

Fifty-four actors were indicted in Kansas City for participating in Sunday performances.

Fire at Elkins, W. Va., destroyed the Elkins hotel, causing two deaths and probably fatal burns to a third person.

The Norwegian bark Alort, of Mandal, Norway, 891 tons, which sailed from New York November 27 for Gothenburg, Sweden, was abandoned at sea. Her crew were rescued by the American Line steamer Friesland.

Justice Burr, of the supreme court of Kings county, decided that the New York police have no right to take photographs and measurements of a man under arrest but not convicted.

Two private banks at Jasper and Weston, Mich., owned by E. B. Lee, were closed for lack of currency.

Disastrous panics in the Studebaker theater and the Arts Music hall in Chicago were narrowly averted when a fire in the Chicago Musical college building, adjoining, filled the corridors of the Studebaker building with dense smoke.

Charging that George A. Pettibone, the defendant at bar, is the most guilty of all those charged with causing the death of ex-Gov. Frank Steunenberg, James H. Hawley outlined the state's case in the trial at Boise, Idaho.

The Democratic state committee of Delaware passed a resolution endorsing Judge George Gray for the presidency.

Fire destroyed the big Central hotel in Colon.

Three thousand dollars in \$20 gold pieces was found by J. T. Jones on his farm in Connecticut.

Thomas B. Wallace, second, aged 14, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma, Wash., died at the residence of his grandfather, Chief Justice Fuller, in Washington.

C. E. Lanthorn, for many years general passenger agent of the West Shore railroad, died at his home in Toledo, N. Y.

High water caused the collapse of a new bridge in course of erection over the west branch of the Susquehanna river at Millville, Pa., and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others. Great damage was done by floods in central and eastern Pennsylvania.

The Fall River line steamer Providence was in collision with, and narrowly escaped sinking, a crowded East River ferry boat at New York. The men passengers on the latter were accused of cowardice.

Two alleged night riders died as the result of wounds received during the visit of the 500 night riders to Hopkinsville, Ky.

Andrew Carnegie added the sum of \$2,000,000 to the \$10,000,000 endowment fund of the Carnegie Institute.

In the closest and hardest fought election contest which Boston has known for many years, the city went Republican by about 2,000 votes. Worcester, Lynn and Woburn voted against Illinois.

Francis I. Burton was shot and killed at Miami, Nov., by J. Holman Black, editor and proprietor of the Western Nevada Miner.

Chief of Police John A. Suggs and Night Policeman Lewis Woods, of Fort Gibson, Okla., are under arrest charged with robbing the post office there.

The Nobel peace prize is this year to be equally divided between Ernesto Teodoro Moneta of Italy and Louis Renault of France.

Maj. Gen. Alexander Hamilton, grandson of Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury under George Washington, died at his home in Tarrytown, N. Y., at the age of 92 years.

The steamer Glenfarg arrived at Callao from China with 11 cases of beriberi on board.

Bernard Prentice, a cowboy, was killed and Dick Moran, a cook, was seriously wounded in Deadwood, S. D., in a duel over a woman.

Commissioner Lane of the Interstate commerce board will begin an investigation of the Pullman company in regard to prices charged for berths on trains.

At the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Navigation company in London the chairman said that the entire trade of the line between Bombay and Japan had been wiped out by the Japanese competitors.

Ambassador Bryce has been summoned to England for a conference and is not expected to return to America.

The late George F. Porter, millionaire of Minneapolis, in his will left \$100,000 to Miss Stella M. Blenheim, his confidential stenographer.

The foreign postal-order business of the New York post office for last month was \$1,200,000 in excess of the business of last year.

William Stewart, proprietor of a restaurant in East Iowa, Kan., was brutally murdered by his partner, W. H. Crovisson, who said he was in love with Mrs. Stewart.

One of a battery of nine boilers in the plant of the American Steel & Wire company at Allentown, Pa., blew up, instantly killing two men and injuring two others, one of whom died three hours later.

Alfred H. Smith, vice president and general manager of the New York Central railroad, was placed on trial before Justice Kellogg, in the supreme court of New York, on a charge of manslaughter in the second degree, growing out of the wreck of the Brewster express at West Plains last February, in which 23 persons lost their lives and 67 were injured.

Joseph Armstrong, manager of the Christian Science publications and one of the most prominent leaders of that faith in this country, died at his home in Boston.

Assistant Secretary of State Robert Bacon has been awarded a bronze medal by the Massachusetts Humane society for his bravery in saving two Harvard men from drowning in the Charles river October 11 last.

Mrs. Taft, wife of the secretary of war, narrowly escaped death on a tender outside the harbor of Boulogne, the boat being caught in a violent storm.

## ORCHARD TELLS OF KILLING GOVERNOR

PETTIBONE TRIAL WITH NEW FEATURES CONTINUES AT BOISE, IDAHO.

PLANS FOR CRIME DELIBERATELY LAID

Assassination of Steunenberg in First Instance Proved Unsuccessful—Details Other Efforts at Murder, Complicity with Instructions.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 14.—Harry Orchard, in the Pettibone trial, told of the assassination of ex-Gov. Steunenberg. In detail he testified in regard to the deliberate preparations for the crime; of his unsuccessful attempt to end the life of the governor and finally of the placing of the bomb on the night of December 30, 1906.

Friday a narration of his arrest, confinement in the state penitentiary and his confession to Detective McFarland ended the direct examination and the witness was turned over to Clarence S. Darrow for cross-examination.

Tells of Other Attempts. Before telling of the Steunenberg murder Orchard detailed his alleged attempts on the lives of Fred Bradley at San Francisco, Justice Gabbert, Justice Goddard and Gov. Peabody at Denver and of plans which he said were made to kill Shorman Bell, Frank Hearne, David Moffatt and John Neville. Throughout his story he pictured Pettibone as his paymaster, and in some of his attempted crimes he implicated the defendant as an active participant.

The testimony began with the trip to Canyon City to kill Peabody, the witness saying that in going he followed Hugwood's instructions.

Secured Much Dynamite. He said he got 50 pounds of dynamite at Max Malch's place, where it had been left by Adams, Malch and himself after stealing it from a magazine.

The powder, he said, was taken to Pettibone's store, where he and Pettibone made the bombs. Orchard had the lead case made at a plumber's shop.

Next came the narration of the second attempt on Justice Gabbert, in which he said Pettibone assisted. A bomb, he said, was set with a wire across a path frequented by Gabbert. Pettibone then went to the Salt Lake convention, the witness said, and Orchard made another attempt alone. He placed the bomb at the same place, but a mining man named Wallace came along ahead of Gabbert, picked up the purse, and was blown to pieces.

Destroyed His Letters. Harry Orchard concluded his direct testimony with a narrative of his arrest and imprisonment. He said he was placed under arrest the afternoon after the murder of ex-Gov. Steunenberg by Sheriff Nichols, but was allowed to remain in the hotel until the following day, when he was placed in jail. In the meantime, he said, he destroyed the letters he had on his person, including one from Jack Simpson and one from Pettibone.

Orchard said he received a letter from Pettibone after his imprisonment. The letter was not signed. He was shown a copy of the letter and identified it, but it was not introduced as evidence at the time.

Defense Has Objection. The witness then told of his preliminary hearing, after which he was bound over to the district court and his conversation with Fred Miller, his attorney, in regard to compensation for his services. The defense objected strenuously to the introduction of this service, but it was admitted by the court. Orchard was abruptly asked by Hawley how much money he had received from the federation at various times and he said between \$2,500 and \$1,000. Orchard all but broke down when Hawley asked him if he had any personal enemy against his victims, naming them one by one, and in each case he said that he had none.

Silver Coin Maker Sentenced. New York, Dec. 14.—Norman Henze, who made silver half dollars so well that only experts could distinguish his product from that of the mint, was sentenced Thursday to six years at Sing Sing prison and to pay the government \$250 in real money. Henze's method was to melt Mexican silver dollars and remold the bullion into counterfeiters of United States 50-cent pieces.

Pastor to Be Tried. Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—Charges preferred against Rev. Dr. William H. Shafer, presiding elder of the West district of the Philadelphia Methodist conference, will be presented before an ecclesiastical court which will begin its sessions in this city December 26.

Aldrich, Mo., Bank Looted. Aldrich, Mo., Dec. 14.—The bank of Aldrich was robbed of \$2,000 in Jesse James style. Three men drove to the bank in a buggy. Two got out and entered the bank, where they pointed revolvers at the cashier and bookkeeper and demanded the cash.

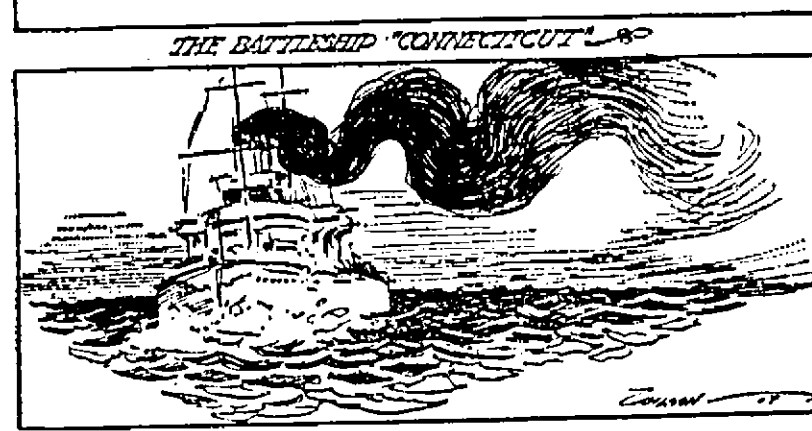
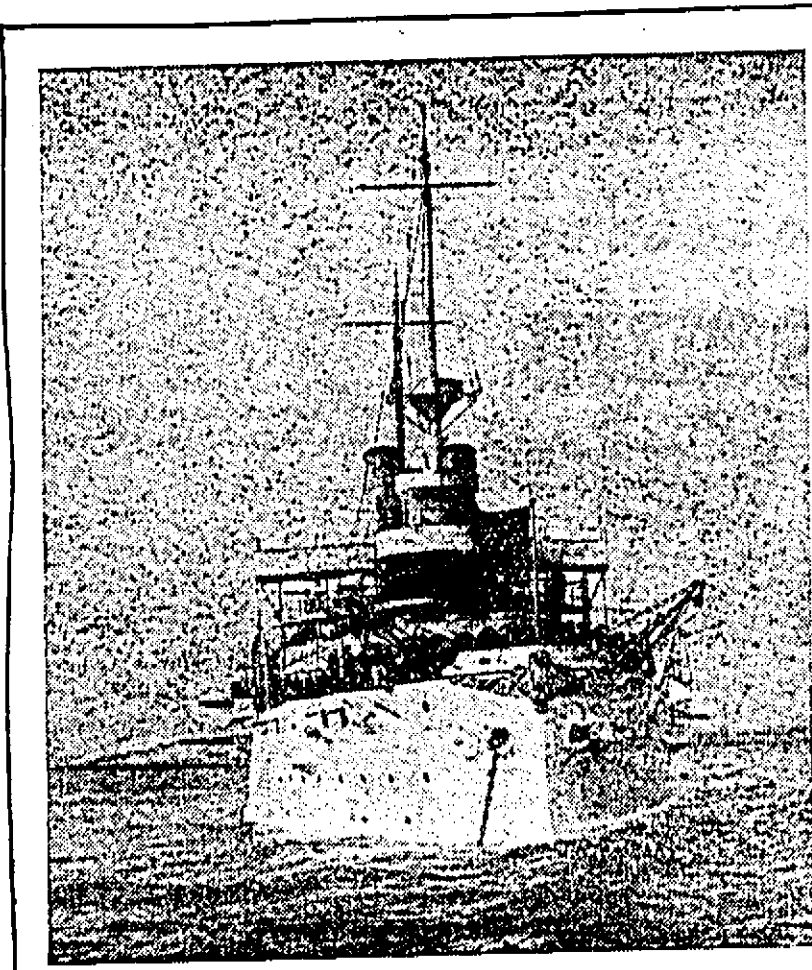
Kills Wife; Attempts Suicide. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14.—C. M. Colby, a janitor in the Oxford flat building, early Friday killed his wife by nearly severing her head from her body with a razor, and then attempted to kill himself. He is in a hospital and will die.

Making Well Sweet. As a boy we were taught to do two things when the water in a well is dry to "smell bad"—pump it dry if possible, and throw down a good quantity of red hot charcoal.

The railroads of Holland are so well managed that the deaths by accident on them average but one a year.

Every man ought to have pride enough to keep the road past his farm in good repair.

## GREAT FLEET SAILS



THE BATTLESHIP "CONNECTICUT" SAILS.

Hampton Roads, Va., Dec. 16.—The departure to-day of the great Atlantic squadron for the Pacific is still another of the many great proofs of the nation's marvelous growth and development. The iron clad warship is only 46 years old, yet, passing through a process of swift evolution to its present perfection, this American discovery has revolutionized the science of naval warfare throughout the whole world. There are now 270 vessels in commission in the United States navy where at one time, in Washington's administration, there was not one. Of these there are 13 battleships of the first and second class, carrying guns into whose maw this country's first and only "commander-in-chief" of the navy, Esch Hopkins, might easily have hidden his disgraced head when an outraged continental congress summarily dismissed him.

It was in Hampton Roads that the first chapter in the world's history of iron clad was written. It was in Hampton Roads that the nation gathered 16 of her finest sea fighters ready for a trip of nearly 20,000 miles. Where the Merrimack swung clumsily across the channel long ago and drove terror to the hearts of seamen who had never yet seen such a monster, iron clad has come and as swift as grayhounds have come and gone as summer and winter.

Among these is the Minnesota, the largest of Uncle Sam's big battleships, and next only in size to the Dreadnaught, which King Edward of England launched with such ceremony a year or so ago, and to the Satsuma, Japan's new monster of the deep.

History of American Navy. The first appropriation made for a navy for this country was that of the continental congress in 1776, and the sum of \$100,000 was expected to purchase, equip and generally outfit 13 ships. For the present year, ending July, 1908, the navy will have needed \$125,041,399, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year. Nine million alone go for ordnance stores. The last appropriation of congress for the building of ships was \$20,000,000 to be expended on two big ships, each of which is to measure 610 feet in length, 85 feet beam, and make 21 knots an hour. Three million dollars was appropriated for submarines of the Holland type, and in September five torpedo boat destroyers were contracted for. Think of this in comparison with the \$100,000 that cost the continental congress so much thought, and which was furnished by the people of the colonies after so much privation.

"If we are to have a commerce we must have a navy to defend it," wrote Col. Humphreys from the Barbary Coast in 1793 after he had been sent to see if there were means of stopping the piracy of Algiers and Tripoli on American trading vessels. For years the nation had endured the humiliation of paying tribute to these countries, and after Washington had

found that the boy was doing no more than other civilians ashore at the same time and seemed to have been singled out for attack by the policeman because he was a seaman. Turning to the executive officer of the flag ship Rear-Admiral Evans said: "Pick out 50 good husky ones, give them a baseball and send them ashore."

An hour later a boat came alongside and a chief of police came aboard wearing a disturbed look.

"Admiral, your men are beating up my policemen."

"Are they? Well, I'm glad to hear it. That's what I sent them ashore for."

The 50 husky ones had gone ashore, tossed their ball about, and when the confident police descended upon them they found a very different reception.

And It Makes No Difference. A girl needn't feel hurt because her sweetheart can't tell her why he loves her. He doesn't know himself—Young's Magazine.

Voltaire. The superfluous is very necessary.

ALL ARE LOYAL TO EVANS. Sailors of the Fleet Respect and Love the Admiral.

There is little doubt of the loyalty of the blue-jackets of Rear-Admiral Evans.

He believes in the old saying about all work and no play. He has encouraged athletics and all forms of amusement, until the men have more play than ever before, and the efficiency of the fleet shows they do more work. Sometimes the liberty parties give trouble. When the men are at fault "The Old Man" sustains the police. When the police abuse his men unnecessarily he makes it warm for the police.

He refuses to take his ships to any port where the men are mistreated. One day at a certain port an apprentice boy who was tossing a ball about where he was clubbed by a policeman. His comrades took him off in a boat to the flagship and asked to see the admiral.

He took one look at the youngster's aching head, asked a few questions,



REAR-ADMIRAL ROBERT D. EVANS



REAR-ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. BRONCKHOFF

the cost of transportation will come to over \$555,000.

Eight colliers accompany the fleet. The Marcellus, Hannibal, Louisiana and possibly the Sterling accompany the fleet to Trinidad, and then return for more coal. Others will go as far as Rio and return to join the fleet again at Magdalena bay, and all that have free space between decks will carry general supplies for the Marcellus island navy yard.

The Connecticut carries 150 tons of briquettes made of slack coal and pitch to test them as a suitable fuel for use in the navy. The cost of coaling, exclusive of the amount of coal carried by the ships from Norfolk to Trinidad, will be \$1,229,280, a sum more than equal to the bonded debt of the state of Idaho or the state of Washington.

Provisions in Plenty. As to provisions, Columbia must rack enough in the giant hampers to feed her sons for the long 115 days, and have enough extra goodies for Christmas, New Year's and Washington birthday dinners, and the list shows she has not been skardly in her selection.

There are a variety of foodstuffs, including tons of cereals, salt meats, dried fruits and canned goods, and 533,000 pounds of flour for making fresh bread in lieu of long annihilated hard tack. There are tons of desiccated foodstuffs that have already been tested and found good, and the more recent additions—dried eggs and dehydrated vegetables. There are 9,000 pounds of dried eggs, an equivalent of 35,000 dozen fresh eggs, and when the Christmas baking is on and the 30,000 fresh eggs also carried are not available, the mixer of cakes will find that the dried product when mixed with water will froth as easily as the fresh.

New methods of communication between the ships have been installed, and new methods of controlling the fire of five control that a retired naval officer was heard to remark when the news came to him: "That is a good idea, a good idea. I am glad to hear it. Indeed, for fire is a most dangerous thing aboard a ship!" The Colorado was first in this experiment. Wireless telegraphy has been a part of a battleship's equipment for so many years now that it is quite an old story, but the fleet decided it must have wireless telephony, too, so the past few weeks have witnessed a busy scene in Hampton Roads, and in New York and Brooklyn harbors, where experts have been busy putting in the appliances.

Connecticut is Flagship. Admiral Evans chose the Connecticut as his flagship. Capt. Ingersoll is her commander and chief of staff of the Atlantic fleet. Upon the shoulders of Rear-Admiral Brownlow at Washington, much of the work of preparation fell. The splendid condition of the fleet when it left its anchorage here to-day shows how well he has done it.

A Noble Animal. The Rajah Dowlat, with a large train of followers, was once going hunting in the neighborhood of Lucknow. On their way they had to pass through a ravine, in which several invalids were lying to receive what benefit they could from the exposure to the sun and air. When their attendants saw the approaching party, they ran away leaving their charges to their fate. The Grand Vizier, who was riding his favorite elephant, saw the invalids were right in his way, but was determined not to alter his course for their sakes. As long as the elephant had a free path he went on at full pace, but as soon as he came to the helpless persons he stopped, and would not go on in spite of all the guards the driver inflicted, "stick the beast in the ear!" cried the rajah, becoming furious. It was done, but in vain. The noble animal waited some time, but as no one came to remove the invalids, he carefully carried each separately in his trunk to a place where they would not be in danger of being trampled to death by the

## IN MY FAMILY

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Catarh of Head, Nose, Throat. Mr. Charles Levy, 80 Allen St., New York, N. Y., writes: "I am very glad to tell you of the cures wrought by Pe-ru-na in my family. My son, aged seven, who had catarh of the nose, was cured by two bottles of Pe-ru-na, and I had catarh of the head, nose, throat and ears. One bottle of Pe-ru-na cured me."

Pe-ru-na Tablets—Some people prefer tablets, rather than medicine in a fluid form. Such people can obtain Pe-ru-na Tablets, which represent the solid medicinal ingredients of Pe-ru-na. Ask Your Druggist for Free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1908.

SOMETHING OF A CYNIC. Papa Had Extreme Views on the Subject of Marriage.

Miss Marie Cahill, the actress, chose the chorus girls for her new play, "Marrying Mary," by measurement. The Bertillon system was employed.

"By this excellent system of measurement," said Miss Cahill the other day, "one gets, in a chorus girl, the real thing. Mirages are avoided. You know what a mirage is? Quite sure? Well, at any rate, I'll point out its meaning to you with a story."

"A boy looked up from his book one night."

"Father," he said, "what is a mirage?"



# The Transformation of Old Nick

By S. E. KISER.

OLD NICK BRADSHAW was the richest man in Jonesburg, and for 30 years he had also been the most hated. There was a tradition that a girl whom he was to have married one Christmas day had eloped with another man a few hours before the time set for the wedding. Whether the story was true or not Old Nick, as everybody called him, had become a recluse. Nobody ever had a kind word for him.

It had long been agreed that the death of Old Nick would be the luckiest thing which could happen to Jonesburg, where there was general surprise when it was announced one year that Nicholas Bradshaw intended to have a Christmas tree for all the children in the town and that he would on the great day give a dinner to the people.

Three weeks before Christmas he began his preparations. He rented the biggest hall in the place, and an immense evergreen tree set up in it, and hired carpenters to fill it with long tables. The people could hardly believe that their eyes did not deceive them when they saw him getting things ready.

He made many mysterious visits to the great city in which the Jonesburg merchants bought their goods, and he always returned bearing many boxes and packages. Sometimes they were too big or too numerous to be carried by him, and he hired expressmen to take them to the hall, while the people stood on the sidewalks and made regretful remarks about the way they had wronged Mr. Bradshaw, or insisted that they had suspected all along that beneath a stern exterior he possessed a kind heart.

After the tree and the tables had been set up nobody but Old Nick himself was permitted to enter the hall. He explained that he wanted everyone to be surprised. He carried the boxes and packages up the stairs alone, and he had the windows carefully curtained, so that nobody could see from the outside what was being done within.

On the day before Christmas the last assignment of Nicholas Bradshaw's boxes and packages arrived from the city. There was a wagonload of them, and the excitement of the people as they saw them being transferred from the railway station to the hall where the feast was to be held became intense. Old Nick saw the wonder in the faces of the citizens, and he smiled with keen satisfaction. The day was very cold, but he apparently was oblivious of the fact. The people said it was the warmth of his heart that kept him from feeling the bite of the icy winds.

Christmas day dawned clear, and the town was astir earlier than usual. Expectancy was on tiptoe. The hall was to be opened at 12:30 sharp, so that people who wished to go to church

could do so and still be in time for the beginning of the ceremonies over which Old Nick was to preside. The crowd began to assemble an hour before the time set for the opening of the doors. People danced on the sidewalk, slapped their hands against themselves to keep from freezing, and



The Christmas Tree Loomed Before Them.

every little while there were cheers for Mr. Bradshaw.

At last the hands on the courthouse clock indicated that it was 12:30, and then one of Old Nick's hired men appeared with the key to the door of the big hall. With a wild rush and a loud whoop the people crowded inside and hurried upstairs. The Christmas tree loomed gloriously before them. Its branches were laden with packages

all neatly tied with ribbons and each bearing a card on which was written the name of the person who was to receive it. The tables were set and ready for the feast. There were big brown turkeys with drumsticks pointing upward; there were huge cakes, there were filled wineglasses at the plates, and there were many vases with bright-colored flowers.

But it was quickly discovered that the turkeys were made of paper-mache, such as are used in make-believe banquets on the stage; the cakes were nothing but painted blocks of wood, the wineglasses contained only vinegar, and the flowers were artificial. When the packages that had been cut from the tree were opened they were found to be filled with sawdust, except that in each of them was a slip of paper such as lay beside each of the

plates, and on which was printed this statement: "I have for a long time believed that the people of this town celebrated Christmas, not for the purpose of exhibiting the true Christmas spirit, but simply to outdo one another in making a big show. If you are true to the faith you possess you will forgive me for what I have done and thank me for teaching you a valuable lesson. It is not what you give or what you receive, but the spirit in which it is given and received. I give you all these things with the heartiest good wishes and with the hope that joy will be yours in fullest measure. How will you receive them? NICHOLAS BRADSHAW."

For a moment there was painful silence. Then the Baptist minister mounted a chair and said: "I think Mr. Bradshaw has, as he says, taught us a profitable lesson. We have been drifting away from the true Christmas faith. We have made Christmas a time not of joy but of dread to the people who have to pay the bills. We give not for the joy of giving, but with the hope of receiving something just as good in return. I propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Bradshaw for opening our eyes."

Some of the children and a few of the women were inclined to be sullen, but the vote of thanks was given with a good deal of enthusiasm, and then Old Nick opened the door of an adjoining room which was filled with real things to eat and fine presents for all the people, and when everybody was seated and the feast was at its height he stood up, saying in tones that were rather husky:

"Friends, I have for a good many years been a skeptic. I have not believed in God and I have regarded all people as being inherently mean and selfish. You have shown me that I was mistaken. My old faith has come back to me; you have made me the happiest man in the world. God bless you all."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Supplied. "Something for Christmas," said the polite salesman. "Well, how about this? A neat and pretty little letter opener, price—"

But the other interrupted brusquely. "I have one at home, thanks," he said. "I am a married man, you see."



Hello, Santa Claus!

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE

With the children, the Christmas tree is ever the favorite mode of receiving the gifts which Santa Claus and their friends have provided for them. Other means are devised yearly, but they are all failures, in the children's eyes, when compared with the fascinating splendors of the bedecked gift-bearing tree.

In spite of this well-known fact, many mothers, from the notion they harbor that the festive pleasure is hardly worth the labor and expense it involves, deprive their children of one of the chief joys of their childhood.

Of course, the tree may, if one so wills it, represent the laying out of both time and money, for the shops are filled with every conceivable device for adding to its beauty, but this is by no means necessary to its success, if one possesses a little originality and ingenuity.

remaining 20 cents were spent for white cotton batting and diamond dust.

After the tree was put into position, we proceeded to flock it from the top-most branch down with bits of cotton to simulate snowflakes. When this was done, the tree was literally showered with diamond dust. The box that formed the base was bunched with cotton. From the branches of the tree were suspended the tiniest of colored paper lanterns (left-overs from a children's party), which had been bought for a penny apiece.

When the candles were lighted, the effect of the whole was indescribably pretty. Indeed, the children decided that it was one of the prettiest, if the cheapest, Christmas trees they had ever seen.

Of course, having the lanterns reduced the cost a few pennies; but even when these must be bought for the occasion, the outlay is trifling when compared with the pleasure the children derive from the expenditure.

## NOT AVAILABLE.



"Ah, Miss Shopplin, I wish you would let me buy your Christmas gift." "You, Mr. Doddson? Why, really, I—O, I never could exchange you for anything!"

# News of Wisconsin

Interesting Happenings in the Various Cities and Towns of the State.

## START WORK ON LINE.

Fox River Valley Interurban Looks Like a Certainty.

Sheboygan.—A crew of surveyors was put at work on the proposed Fox River Valley line, in the neighborhood of Cedarburg. Although this line will be built independently of the proposed interurban line from Fond du Lac to Appleton, promoted by John M. Schneemann, of this city, it will be part of the same system. The Fox River Valley line is to be built from Milwaukee to Cedarburg and Fond du Lac and connect with the new interurban line.

## SELLS COAL BY MAIL ORDERS.

House Said to Have Embarked in the Business.

Milwaukee.—At the semi-annual meeting of the Wisconsin Retail Coal Dealers' association it developed that the greatest danger to the trade at present is the entry into the traffic of mail order houses. A Chicago fuel house, it is said, has gone extensively into this old branch of the trade, and it is feared the small retailer will be driven out of business.

## SAVES LIFE OF ASSAILANT.

Mother of Girl Begs Enraged Citizens Not to Lynch Man.

Nellville.—Appealing in the name of good order to enraged citizens, who threatened lynching, to let the law take its course, Mrs. John Frydell saved the life of Fritz Tedoson, accused of attacking and seriously injuring her daughter. The mob heeded her appeal. Tedoson was placed in jail here. The girl was rescued from her assailant by a boy.

## Physicians Want Their Fees.

Waukesha.—An order has been served on Clerk of Courts C. J. Waukesha, Dec. 12.—An order has been served on Clerk of Courts C. J. Fraser citing him to show cause in circuit court why he should not issue witness certificates to the insanity experts who testified for the defense in the Daniel McMahon murder trial. The experts charged at the rate of \$50 per day. The board allowed the bills for the witnesses for the state, but disallowed those for the defense. The order to show cause states that the bills were "inadvertently" filed with the county clerk. They should have been paid by witness certificates issued by the clerk of courts. It is claimed. The bills aggregate \$2,400.

## Inter-University Debate.

Madison.—Wisconsin met the Universities of Minnesota and Illinois in annual intercollegiate debate on the question, "Resolved, That the federal government should have exclusive control over all transportation corporations doing an interstate business, constitutionally being conceded." The State university upheld the affirmative against Minnesota in the debate to be held at Library hall, and the negative against Illinois at Champaign. On the same night the universities of Iowa and Nebraska, who form a part of the Quintangular Debating League of which Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois are members debated the same question.

## Bring Sheep to Wisconsin.

Albertville.—Western ranchmen are bringing sheep here by the thousands to pass the winter. The Macy farm received 2,300 recently. The owners believe that the climate here is more favorable than farther west, and there is less danger of the sheep being lost in snow drifts. In a few months the sheep will be sent to the markets of the large cities.

## Make Trouble for Company.

Superior.—People in this vicinity have taken to shooting the insulators of the telephone wire poles of the Rural Telephone company as an amusement, and the officials of the company have offered a reward for the detection of the mischief makers. The entire line was put out of commission recently through the efforts of the sharpshooters.

## Elevator Closes Down.

Washburn.—After operating almost continuously for a period of 23 years, the large elevator of the Omaha Railway company in this city was closed down, the Nye-Jenks company, which has been operating the plant under a lease, having abandoned this city because of the slackness of the grain business.

## City Loses Its Suit.

Superior.—Judge Vinje decided against the city in the certiorari proceedings brought by the Pittsburg Coal company and the Hanna Coal company to have set aside assessments on coal unloaded at their docks some months ago. The companies claimed that they did not own the coal and were not agents for its owners. The amount assessed the Pittsburg company was \$82,000, and the Hanna company was taxed \$73,000. It is not thought that the city will appeal.

## Hunter Saved from Death.

Stoughton.—Martin Johnson was saved from death by drowning by David Johnson, with whom he was hunting ducks. The former shot one which fell on the thin ice of the Yahara river. He ventured out after the game, but broke through.

## Aged Man Is Asphyxiated.

Reeseville.—Philip Riedig was found dead in bed from asphyxiation. His daughter Christine, with whom he lived, was found unconscious, but was revived.

## CLIMAX IN GATES TRIAL.

Widow Tells Woeful Matrimonial Tale in Court.

Milwaukee.—The climax in the trial of the Gates divorce suit came when Mrs. Gertrude Riel Gates, widow of Richard Moulton, of Winnetka, Ill., testified that she left home when James L. Gates, a wealthy land owner, demanded that she accede to his desires or depart. She testified that he had told her he would do anything in the world for her, send her sick father to a sanitarium, or grant any desire, if she would do as he wished. She testified that she asked if he meant accede to his desires or leave his home, and he answered yes. She left that night. Earlier in the day Mrs. Gates testified that he was abusive and cruel from the day of their marriage, that he was intoxicated during the honeymoon, and told of various instances of the alleged abuse that she suffered before she left him.

## JUDGE BALDWIN DEAD.

Noted Millionaire Jurist and Former Solon Passes Away.

Appleton.—Judge George Baldwin, millionaire real estate dealer, former member of the state legislature, and prominent citizen of this city, died at his home after an illness of five days with pneumonia. Judge Baldwin was 78 years of age and had been a resident of this city for the last 22 years. He was well known throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana by reason of his extensive land holdings in these states.

## Kenosha Falling Into Line.

Kenosha.—Preaching a gospel of good will and fair play to the saloonmen, the officials of the Wisconsin Anti-Saloon league invaded Kenosha and started a movement for the closing of all saloons on Sunday. This is a step leading up to a nonlicense campaign within a short time. At a mass meeting Mayor Gorman and many of the members of the common council were present. Many saloonkeepers were also present.

## Wants Road Tax from Asylum.

Racine.—E. E. Cheesman, road superintendent in District 5, town of Mount Pleasant, wants the Racine county insane asylum to pay road tax. He claims that the officials of the institution have ignored his orders to take care of the road in the district, and adjoining the farm, and demands that the asylum either pay \$50 a year or furnish men and teams to do work equivalent to that amount.

## Milwaukee Car Barns Burn.

Milwaukee.—Fire in the Farwell avenue car barns of the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light company, at Farwell and North avenues, caused an estimated loss of \$10,000 to building and rolling stock, practically tied up traffic for two hours on the Farwell avenue and Wells street and the Oakland avenue and Delaware avenue lines and resulted in the injury of two firemen.

## Want Curfew to Ring Out.

Racine.—If the board of education has its way the curfew law will again be revived in the city and children will be forced to be home at night before the hour of nine o'clock. The establishing or enforcement of the curfew has been taken up by both the Racine and the Wells W. C. T. U. and the women's clubs.

## To Change Location of Fair.

Berlin.—The members of the Berlin Agricultural & Industrial association have decided to continue the annual fair, but to hold it on different grounds if it can be done to advantage, and a committee was appointed to look up desirable sites and report at the next meeting of the stockholders.

## Reward Offered for Murderer.

Waukesha.—Towards aggregating \$500 have been offered for the capture of the murderer of Eugene Courtney, who was found robbed and murdered in his stable at his farm south of the city. Of this amount \$200 is offered by the county, \$200 by the state and \$100 by the family.

## Increase in Coal Shipments.

Superior.—Shipments of coal during the marine season just closed will be 1,100,000 tons in excess of last year. In spite of the heavy receipts there has been no lack of cars, and farmers in the west and south are well supplied with fuel.

## "Holy Jumpers" Sue Sheriff.

Waukesha.—Interest in the December term of the circuit court is increased by the fact that the damage suits of six members of the "Holy Jumpers" against Sheriff George L. Dwinell are on the calendar.

## Liquor Dealers Organize.

Green Bay.—Retail liquor dealers of the city formed an organization which will be named the Saloonkeepers' Protective association. All retail liquor dealers of the city will be asked to attend this meeting.

## Fire Area Suspicious.

La Crosse.—Two fires on successive nights, in the same block, both resulting in the destruction of a barn and stock, and both of unknown origin, have aroused suspicion that they were of incendiary origin.

## Finds Hawley Insane.

Baraboo.—The jury in the case of A. S. Hawley, who had been on trial for a week on a charge of assaulting his wife, brought in a verdict of insanity. Hawley was taken to the Northern hospital.

# NEWS OF WISCONSIN

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN THE VARIOUS TOWNS.

## MORE COMPANIES QUIT

Laws of Wisconsin Given as Reason for Organization to Make January 1 Time for Withdrawal.

Milwaukee.—More life insurance companies have announced their resignation from the Wisconsin field. The Penn Mutual and the Connecticut Mutual have definitely decided to withdraw. The withdrawal of the Penn Mutual was announced by General Manager W. W. Macomber and the withdrawal of the Connecticut Mutual was given out in New York at the meeting of the president's association. Mr. Macomber said, regarding the decision of his company: "I have just arrived from a visit to the home offices where it was decided to withdraw from Wisconsin. After carefully considering the situation brought about by the new insurance laws, the officials of the Penn Mutual unanimously decided that it would be impossible to do business under the burdensome laws which will be in effect after January 1. Therefore after that date we will remove from the state."

## TRAINS COLLIDE NEAR BELOIT.

Two Persons Seriously Injured in Wreck on Northwestern.

Beloit.—Two persons were seriously injured and a score or more less seriously hurt in a collision between a Northwestern passenger train and a freight en route south of here early this morning. A relief train, carrying surgeons and others, left town for the scene of the wreck. Two of the injured already have been brought to Beloit and placed in the hospital.

## SEVENTEEN YEARS FOR DILLON.

Sentenced to Long Term on a Charge of Murder.

Waupun.—William Dillon was sentenced to 17 years in Waupun by Judge Belden for the murder of Jacob C. Best, Jr., of Milwaukee. Deducting time for good behavior, Dillon must serve nine years and nine months. The motion on the part of defendant's attorneys for a new trial was denied.

## Cheese Prizes to Be Awarded.

Madison.—Nearly \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at the next monthly cheese scoring exhibition of the University of Wisconsin dairy school to be held in connection with the annual convention of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers' association in Milwaukee January 8 to 10. The highest score made this month in the cheese exhibition, the results of which are just announced, was that of P. H. Knappier of Wisconsin for cheddar cheese, with a percentage of 97.75. In the brick cheese class Casper Andregg of La Crosse took highest honors, with a per cent. of 97.33.

## Arrested on Forgery Charge.

Sheboygan.—In the person of a man who gives his name as L. Miller, who was arrested here on a charge of passing a forged check, the police believe they have one of the cleverest check forgers in the country. He is accused of having presented a worthless check for \$50 to R. R. Warner, proprietor of the Grand hotel.

## Her Marriages Failures.

La Crosse.—Thrice married and through various misfortunes separated from two of her husbands, Lena Wilkinson has brought a charge of non-support against her present companion, William Wilkinson, and has at last come to the conclusion that she has "awful hard luck every time she gets married."

## Falls Dynamiting Plot.

Pound.—Watchman E. E. Boeth appeared on the scene just in time to prevent the flouring mills from being blown up by dynamite. It is believed the trick was attempted by an employee whose wages were cut, and that he sought to blow up the mills from revenge.

## Holds Verdict Perverse.

Milwaukee.—Holding that the verdict awarding six cents damages to ex-Gov. Scofield in his \$100,000 libel suit against the Free Press is perverse, Judge Chester A. Fowler ordered that it be set aside and a new trial granted.

## Dug Out of Well.

La Crosse.—After being buried alive for eight hours, William Neldfeldt, of Onalaska, was dug out of a well in that city, and though in an exhausted and badly bruised condition, physicians expressed the belief that he would survive.

## Brings German Settlers.

Eagle River.—A. C. Uecker, of Cumberland, secretary of the German-American Colonization Society of Northern Wisconsin, has perfected plans with Daniel Graham, manager of the Eagle River branch of the Northern Blue Grass Land company, for the accommodation of 30 families who will arrive here within from 60 to 90 days from Posen, Germany.

## Burglars Dug at Neenah.

Neenah.—Three attempts at burglary were made here the other night.

## Stoughton Orphan Asylum.

Stoughton.—The orphan asylum here has now been in existence for 16 years and has accommodated 216 children during this time. About one-third of the children have part of their expenses paid by their parents or friends. A thoroughly modern vegetable cellar has been constructed lately.

## Fatally Shoots Himself.

Chaseburg.—Gustav Asp, aged 18 years, residing five miles west of Chaseburg, was fatally injured by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

# State Capital Notes

Weekly Budget Gathered by Our Special Correspondent at Madison.

## Inform Policy Holder.

At the recent New York Insurance meeting the new law in Wisconsin was explained. It requires the companies to confine themselves in expenses to the amounts assumed for expenses, and these assumptions must not exceed the expected expenses of the highest 20 percent life policy. The law also requires that the policy holder must be informed of the exact status of the dividend accruing on his policy whenever he requests it. He must also be informed of the sources and manner of computing them annually. Stock companies, Ekern declared, must declare the ownership of the companies as between stockholders and policy holders. The principal arguments brought out by Mr. Ekern's remarks were that the law was not scientifically framed, that the opinions of the attorney general and of the insurance commissioner in construing the law were conflicting, and that the methods necessary for a company to comply would work injustice to policy holders in other states. Commissioner Beedle said the new laws may be reconciled under the construction to be put on them by the insurance department and the attorney general so as to permit foreign companies to do business in Wisconsin without being subject to the penalties imposed. He could not, however, guarantee that such construction of the laws would be given by future state officials or by the courts.

## Must Control Trusts.

C. S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, in an address at Kenosha before the Men's league at the Congregational church, stated that trusts were here to stay, but that the people would have to control them. He said: "Serious charges have been made and repeated with increasing vehemence. That there are and have been gross abuses in corporate affairs there can be no question, and there can be no greater menace to our country than a greedy, defiant thing created by law, brutally indifferent to the welfare of the public, which cannot be hanged or jailed, and with nobody to be kicked. It fears neither God or man, but it is unfair for the people to assume that all great corporations are bad. No honest, right-minded corporation man can object to corporate regulation, and the regulation can only be made effective under the power of the national government."

## Talk of Building Law.

Construction work on seven Milwaukee building, aggregating in value about \$50,000, has been halted because of the tenement law passed at the last session of the legislature. Building Inspector Koch maintains that this is only the beginning of trouble which may eventually lead to indignation meetings. The new law provides that no two family flat building can be erected without having a free space of four feet on either side of the structure. Not only that, but the law prescribes the dimensions of bedrooms in flats and with a limit of 22 feet it will be impracticable to carry out the provisions of the law in this respect.

## Eau Claire's Good Points.

The commanding position of Eau Claire in relation to the future development of manufacturing enterprises is largely based on water power. Besides the Chippewa Valley Electric Railway, Light & Power company's great transmission line which will soon be furnishing power here; the Delidam proposition, capable of greatly increased power, and the Eau Claire river enterprise of the Northwestern Lumber company, which is quite promising in the same direction, there are points on the Chippewa river above Chippewa Falls at which some day large water power will be developed.

## May Charge Increased Rates.

Without the required order from the state rate commission, it is said, the Madison gas company has abolished the so-called flat rates, which were in force at about 20 cents, which now have the alternative of paying increased rates or having the lights taken out.

## Meet in Milwaukee Next Year.

President H. C. Buell, of the Wisconsin Teachers' association, who was in Milwaukee to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the association, announced that the next annual meeting of the association would be held November 6, 7, and 8, 1908.

## At Appleton Next Month.

The thirty-third annual state convention of the Wisconsin Young Men's Christian association will be held in Appleton on Thursday, January 22, to Sunday, January 26, inclusive. It is expected that upward of 300 delegates will be present. Pastors of the several churches each appoint three laymen, who will be members of a central committee to provide entertainment for the visiting delegates. On Sunday, the closing day, a men's evangelistic meeting will be held.

## To Build from Madison.

The Lake Superior & Southern Railway company proposes to build 300 miles of railroad from Madison, north to Champaign, Marquette county, Michigan, thence northeast to Huron Bay, Baraga county, Lake Superior. Much preliminary work has already been done. The company was organized about two years ago, when a few Marquette county men became interested in the project. They have since withdrawn, however, and the company is now in control of Wisconsin capital. M. C. Phillips, Oshkosh, is president.

## Estimates Dead Deer at 10,000.

State Game Warden Stone stated that the reports so far made to him showed that 6,570 deer were shipped on the railroads during the recent open season, and that he estimated that fully 10,000 had been killed in the state during the season. Non-resident hunters shipped 168 deer out of the state, and persons holding settlers' licenses sent 12 to different points within the state. Up to December 1 the game warden had issued 247 non-resident deer licenses, with aggregate fees of \$6,175; 360 non-resident licenses for small game, with aggregate fees of \$3,600; 270 settlers' licenses, with aggregate fees of \$270. The game warden estimates that up to December 1, 9,500 licenses had been issued to residents, with aggregate fees of \$2,550. During November the state game warden and his deputies made 13 game wards of illegally caught game, which was valued at \$117.96. During the same time 59 arrests were made for violations of the fish and game laws. The total amount of fines imposed was \$1,150, and costs \$175.24. One of the men convicted was sent to jail for 20 days, and three were committed for 30 days.

## To Install Officers February 7.

It was announced that the official installation of the newly elected officers of the Wisconsin Teachers' association would be held in Milwaukee February 7. At that time plans for the coming year will be outlined and committees appointed. The cost of the last convention was reported to be \$2,250 and the receipts \$3,000, leaving a balance of \$750 to be spent on next year's program. Former President M. H. Jackson is most pleased over the success of the meeting this year and said he was especially thankful for the manner in which the teachers were received.

## Next State Poultry Show.

Indications point to a remarkably large show to be given by the Wisconsin State Poultry association in Oshkosh January 17 to 24. Last year the number of birds shown was 1,073, and inquiries for catalogues indicate that the number will be even larger this year, and between 1,200 and 1,500 birds are expected to be on exhibition.

## Governor Offers a Reward.

Gov. Davidson has offered a \$500 reward in the name of the state for the apprehension and conviction of John Baker, charged with the murder of Eugene Courtney, who was killed in a brutal manner in a barn near Waukesha, a few days ago. The supposed murderer was formerly employed by the murdered man.

## Coal Dealers Meet.

The first convention of the Wisconsin Retail Coal Dealers' association to be held in Milwaukee opened at the Plankinton. More than 100 dealers discussed trade conditions, prices and methods for strengthening the industry of this state. The Wisconsin Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers' association also opened its annual convention in Milwaukee. This was the largest convention Milwaukee entertained this month. Nearly 500 dealers were on hand.

## Will Ask for Extension.

President Edward D. Eaton, of Beloit college, has gone to New York to endeavor to gain from the trustees of the Rockefeller fund an extension of the time limit for raising \$150,000, which Beloit citizens must subscribe to obtain the \$50,000 offered by the Rockefeller educational board to the college. The limit set for the securing of the fund was January 1, but as yet nothing has been done towards raising it on account of the money stringency.



## Rickmire's Land Agency

5 and 10 acre lots for sale within 20 minutes walk of the court house. Call for prices and terms.  
80 acres 1 1/2 miles from city limits, considerable wood can be cut from same. Price only \$800.00.  
80 acres 1 mile from city limits, fine spring on land, \$1,000.00.  
7 room, 2 story house and large lot, stone cellar, well with pump, wood shed and chicken coop, well located on Eagle street. \$800.00.  
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Good building lot with stone basement and well on Union St. Only \$275.00.  
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Christmas Music by the  
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SERMON:  
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All Seats Free We Invite You  
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Birds,  
Animals  
and Game  
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Properly,  
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Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison; and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by J. J. Beardon druggist, 50c.

## THE NEW NORTH.

LOWELL & COMPANY, PUBLISHERS

F. A. LOWELL, EDITOR AND MANAGER

**ADVERTISING RATES.**  
Display Advertisements—For a contract of three months or more, ten cents per column inch will be charged for each insertion. For a shorter time higher rates will be charged.

In addition to the above, all composition in display ads in excess of three minutes per inch, will be charged at the rate of thirty cents per hour.

**READING NOTICES.**  
Reading Notices will be charged at ten cents per line for the first insertion and five cents per line for each subsequent insertion. All Notices will be charged at regular rates except notices of church services. Paid advertisements for churches will be charged at half rates.

We Wish Our Subscribers and Patrons A Merry Christmas. May Santa Claus bring them their hearts desire. While you are enjoying your own gifts remember the poor Editor who would like his stocking filled with paid up subscriptions.

There seems to be considerable discussion by the aldermen and the people as to the advisability and right of repairing the recently burned wooden buildings on Brown Street.

**ESCAPE BAD STORMS.**  
This section of country was fortunate in escaping the severe storms of last week, which swept over nearly the whole country; especially, was great damage done to shipping interests both on the Great Lakes and Atlantic coasts. Snow fell to considerable depth just north, just south, just east and just west but we were left out both as to snow and gales from weather prophet Hicks storm area, for which we are grateful. However we should welcome snow enough for sleighing.

**DEPARTURE OF FLEET.**  
The fleet has started on its 14,000 mile cruise, a distance of over half way around the world and all the world gasps at such an undertaking. As usual, the London papers give us a dig and call this naval experiment an "American bluff and indirection" but the European powers know better and fully realize that this move is simply a natural one to a power with such vast interests on the west coast, which is practically defenseless. If our navy means anything and if the continuous building of war vessels is to go on, it is time that their usefulness and ability to make long and perilous trips is tested. We hold our breath in suspense at the final outcome and few can realize what perils and anxiety the 14,000 men on board the vessels will endure before they reach their destination. The sixteen battleships, Connecticut, the flag ship, Louisiana, Kansas and Vermont comprising the 1st div.; the Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey and Rhode Island, comprising the 2nd div.; the Minnesota, Ohio, Maine and Missouri comprising the 3rd div. and the Alabama, Illinois, Kearsage and Kentucky comprising the 4th div., constitute the flower of our navy. The fleet is preceded by the Auxiliaries, Culebras and Glacier supply ships, the Panther, a repair ship, on board of which the expert machinists, electricians, etc., are in readiness to do what the individual crews cannot accomplish. Aside from these are the tenders and the torpedo flotilla. The following is quoted from Paris:

"The financial resources of America makes the problem of coaling the fleet comparatively easy, but there are three great difficulties: first, to keep so many units together; second, to provision and repair the ships in the event of an accident; and third, in navigation of the Straits of Magellan by such an armada.

"If the cruise is successfully accomplished, and if at its end, as the programme contemplates, the vessels are able to engage in target practice, thus demonstrating their readiness to meet a hostile fleet, the whole world will take off its hat in admiration. This will be a demonstration of the efficiency of the crews and the ships of the American navy which will make even the English navy look to its laurels."

With the departure of such a fleet, it is naturally supposed henceforth our navy will be stationed in Pacific waters but statistics show that the ships now in process of building on the Atlantic side together with those remodeled and those already in commission consist of 10 battleships, 8 protected cruisers, 3 scout cruisers, 3 gun boats, 6 torpedo boats and 2 submarines.

At the outbreak of the Spanish war, the United States had in commission only four battleships, the Oregon, Iowa, Indiana and Massachusetts. The Texas, rated as a battleship, was really second-class. The best of the cruisers were the New York and Brooklyn. It will be seen that this fleet, soon to be effective, will far eclipse the fighting sea strength of the government when Spain went to war.

If we are to hold the territory already acquired and be assured of permanent peace, a large, efficient and thoroughly "tested" navy is necessary. May the hopes of the President and the Nation be fulfilled."

### CARD OF THANKS.

C. Ely and family wish to thank their friends for the many kind acts and expressions of sympathy shown to them during their great bereavement by the death of their beloved daughter and sister.

# HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR MEN

## A Large Assortment of the Right Things.

"A Merry Christmas"  
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## Beautiful Bath Robes



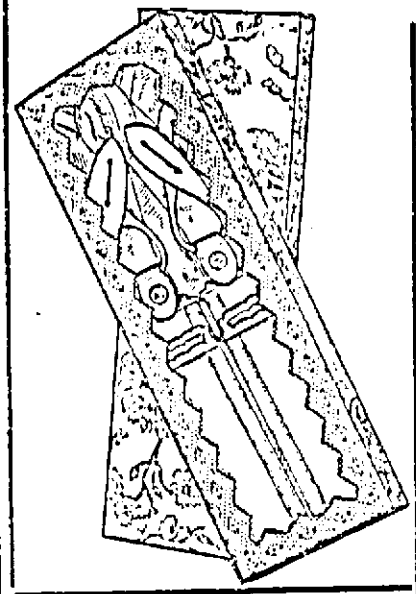
One of our beautiful bath robes would be appreciated by any man they are a most useful gift. We have them in several different styles and patterns in dark and light colors. Good qualities at

**\$3.00 to \$6.50**

## MEN'S UMBRELLAS

Our line of Umbrellas for men will interest you. An umbrella makes a very useful gift—we have many different grades at from

**75c and \$2.00**



## Fancy Suspenders

We have a very large line of men's fancy suspenders, each pair packed in a separate box. We have them in the silk, French lisle and regular webbing. Many beautiful colors and patterns to choose from. At prices most reasonable from

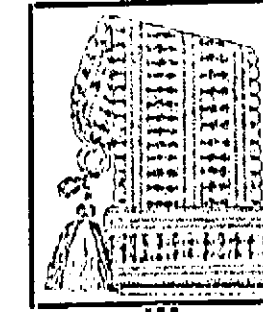
**25c to \$1.25**



## Christmas Ties.

This is the home of the Christmas tie. We can show you the largest assortment you ever saw in four-in-hand, tecks, bows and Windsor in separate boxes at

**25c to \$1.00**



## Toques

Toques make nice gifts for boys. We have some new styles in the tobogan and regular styles at

**25c and 50c**



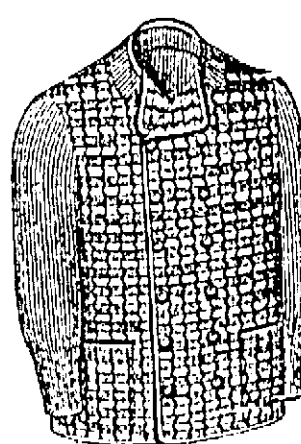
## SUITS and OVERCOATS

If you are interested in a suit and overcoat it would be well for you to know that we carry the largest and best stock of men's clothing.

We can show all the latest things in Men's Suits and Overcoats that are superior to many merchant tailored garments. Sizes to fit all mankind

Our prices are

**\$7.50 \$10 \$12  
\$15 \$18 \$20  
\$25 and \$30**



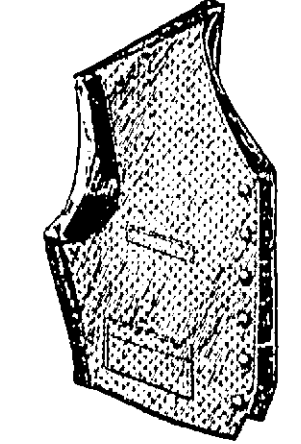
## Golf Coats and Cardigans

We have a very nice assortment of men's gray and white golf coats which are very popular now. Prices

**\$3 to \$5**

A nice line of Men's black and navy cardigan jackets at

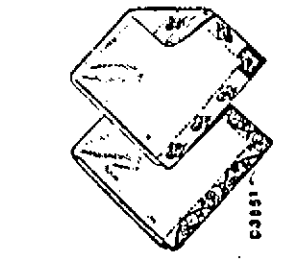
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## Fancy Vests.

We have just received a nice lot of very swell fancy vests in flannels and wash materials, the very latest styles from

**\$1 to 5.00**



## Handkerchiefs

Men's white pure linen hdkfs at

**25c**

Fancy bordered silk Handkerchiefs at

**50c**

Silk initial handkerchiefs at

**.25 & .50**

Plain white silk handkerchief

**.25 & .75**

Cotton handkerchiefs now at

**5 to .15**

## Fur Collars.

A detachable fur collar makes a very suitable Christmas gift we have them in the muskrat at

**\$3.75**

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**\$4.75**

## Silk Mufflers

The best line of silk mufflers you ever saw is what you will say when you see the large and varied line we are showing—we have all the new shades in gray, white, black, tan Etc. These are very tasty Christmas gifts at

**1.00 to 3.00**



## Boys' Sweaters and Jackets

The new gray golf coats and sweater jackets are very useful gifts for the boy we have a nice line of them all sizes now at

**90c to \$1.40**



## Fine Dress & Driving Gloves

A pair of fine driving gloves or mitts will gladden some of your friends, or a pair of our fine kid & mocha gloves and mittens would be appreciated we have a large line of gloves and mitts from

**.45 to 4.00**



## Men's Fancy Sox

If its fancy hose you want to present some one with—we have them in many neat patterns -- also the plain colors—we have the hand knit socks for men in gray and black at

**.50**

## HOUSE SLIPPERS

are always Christmas gifts we have many different kind in plain black, brown and fancy leathers look them over before you decide prices

**.65 to 2.00**

## Dress Shirts

Dress Shirts are always appropriate Christmas Gifts. We have a very large stock to pick from, in fancy and plain bosoms with or without collars.

Plain white silk shirts

**3.00**

Other fancy dress shirts from

**1.00 to \$2.**

## BOYS' HIGH GRADE CLOTHING.

Your boy will appreciate a new suit or overcoat for Christmas, we have the right kind for the little or big boy in overcoats we have the new 3-4 and extreme length in blue, gray and black-in suits we have all the new knickerbocker styles in many different patterns prices to suit your pocket-book for

**\$2.00 to \$10.00**



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The Wausau Y. M. C. A. basket ball team plays Co. L. team at the Armory this evening. In spite of the fact that our boys have no paid "coach," we sincerely hope they may defeat their sanguine opponents.

### ANTIGO VS. RHINELANDER.

The local High School team plays

the Antigo High at the Armory tomorrow evening. The Antigo newspapers seemed in a very jubilant frame of mind over last week's game played at Antigo when only two of our regular team took part. We hope this coming game will cause a different sensation, even tho' our boys are at a disadvantage in height.

Prof. W. B. Patty of Chicago was in town on Monday making arrangements for a lecture on Liquid Air, Radiant and Wireless Telegraphy. The date fixed on is January 27, 1908. Prof. Patty has been giving his lecture in connection with many of the schools of the state and comes very

highly recommended. The pupils of the High school will handle the tickets and the lecture will be given in the First Baptist church, selected by the professor, because of the slanting floor and splendid view of the platform from all parts of the building. General admission will be 50 cents.

All kinds of Christmas tree ornaments can be found at Nelson's cash grocery store.

New line of neckties for the Holidays at The Hub.

If you know any cases of cruelty report them to the Humane Agent.





## HER HIGHNESS

The Story of a Christmas Peacemaker

By A. M. CONSTANTINE

Her Highness jumped off the piano stool and ran to him eagerly. "You are very late, sir knight," she said, reprovingly. "Oh, two—three hours late!"

"Fate is the offender, Your Highness," the young fellow replied, with a deprecating wave of his arm. "My train was delayed two hours, and—in the accident several people were killed. So I'm fortunate to be here at all."

"Oh!" murmured the child.

"But I trust your highness is in good health," he added, with grave courtesy, "and all your royal brothers and—her majesty the queen?"

Then he kissed the outstretched little fingers with great dignity and laid a small package in one palm and a handful of bonbons in the other. And then he wished Her Highness a very merry Christmas and again added his courteous felicitations for all the royal relatives.

Her Highness cooed delightedly, and

so you any more over, and—and—she won't see you any more?"

"No."

"But I want you to—" she faltered. "Cause —" Then the tears came, and he gathered her in his arms and kissed them away and told her that she mustn't cry, since she made him feel badly, too, and he didn't wish to go away feeling badly.

"Besides," he added, soothingly, "somebody else will come and bring you presents, and you can call him your knight."

"I won't," declared a stifled small voice from his shoulder. "Only you are our knight. Only you!"

After she said this he held her more tightly than ever and tried not to groan, but he made such a failure of his effort that the child detected the break, and sobbed harder.

"You must—come—back," she whined. "You—must—promise."

He gritted his teeth, and forced down the lump, and then he kissed

still drooped on her throne and gazed at him out of wet eyes.

"Is she comin'?"

"Because he was studying the figures in the avenue intently, he didn't hear her; so he spoke louder—'Is she comin'?'"

"No, dear," he answered, finally. The child sighed.

"I guess she went truly to the park, then."

"Yes," said the man between his teeth.

He began to walk up and down rapidly. Her Highness looked from him to the floor in great perplexity.

"But I should like to have seen her before I sailed," he observed, presently, in a strange, strained voice. Her Highness glanced up quickly and lisped:

"She—thought—you—were—comin'—you—know. Then—she—thought—you—weren't—comin'. By and by she thought again—you—were—comin'."

He leaned forward with a jerk and stood tensely over her.

"Yes, yes, Dottie, and—"

"Then she looked out of the window awhile and said you weren't comin'."

"It was delayed by the accident," he hastened to say.

Her Highness clasped her hands.

"—I said you were comin'," she cried, triumphantly. "Cause—cause you promised to bring me something to-day. You was goin' to keep your promise, wasn't you?"

He seized the chubby hands tenderly.

"Before God I intended to come," he said, in a solemn voice.

"I knew it," Her Highness chirped. "I knew it, 'cause you wouldn't go away and not keep your word. I told her that. Maybe if you had promised to bring her a Christmas something, she would have believed, too, that you was comin'."

"She—kissed—me—on—an—awful—lot—and—said—she—wished—you would come," lisped the small voice.

He wheeled and stared at her; then he rushed across the room toward her throne and picked Her Highness up in his arms and kissed her many times, and stroked her hair, and demanded excitedly to know what she said. Her Highness, much confused, nestled her head on his shoulder and murmured again:

"She kissed me lots of times, and said she wished you would come. Then when you didn't she put rose water on her face and dressed and went out. And she didn't say any more 'cept when I told her you was comin' to bring me something, and—how nice you look to-day, sir knight!"

He imprisoned both her hands.

"Go on—go on!" he entreated so feverishly that the blue eyes opened wide. "What more did she say—dearest?"

"She only said you was sailin' away to-day, and perhaps you'd never see her again. But you wanted to see us 'fore you went, didn't you?"

"I should hope so," he cried, fervently. "But—did she say anything more?"

"If you give me another—"

He thrust the entire box of bonbons into her hands.

"Did she?" he demanded. "Please tell me, Dottie!"

"No-o," she didn't say anything more—'cause—'cause—"

He waited impatiently.

"'Cause she mos' cryin', I guess. She really wanted you to come, you know. Didn't she tell?"

"Lord, I wish she had!" he groaned. "She told me," Her Highness whispered, softly, "she told me that if you didn't come, you were—you were a big brute. And then she jumped up and said you didn't love her, and I said you loved me. Don't you?" asked the child, seriously. "Are you goin' to cry? What makes your mouth pucker so? And you're hurryin' right away?"

"Yes," he said, very gently, kissing the upturned, inquiring face. "But I'm only going to auntie's. And then I'm coming back to see Your Highness again."

The child plucked his sleeve confidently.

"Then you'll all come back together, won't you—you and her majesty?"

He stooped and kissed her again. And then he straightened to his full height and smiled happily and cried, gayly:

"I promise, Your Highness."

## THE PESSIMISTIC BACHELOR

THE Bachelor lived in a boarding house. He was 55 years old, and his hair was growing thin at the top and gray at the temples. He had recently invested in a cane because of the gout which he had stopped calling rheumatism. After he had bought the cane he had grimly stalked to an oculist's.

The new eyeglasses were in his pocket now, and he was on his way to the boarding house (he disdained to call it home) to test them on the Rubaiyat that a New York friend had sent him for Christmas.

All these things (including the coming of Omar Khayyam) had made the Bachelor a pessimist—or so, at least, he thought.

It was Christmas eve.

"The Christmas spirit!" he growled, under his breath. "If the Christmas spirit is so dense that it can be rushing around like mad, and everybody is filled to bursting with a lively sense of favors to come. Will that confounded car ever show up? I can't stand this chattering rabble much longer."

The car came at last and the Bachelor heaved a sigh that was almost satisfaction as he sank into the only vacant seat.

The Bachelor found himself on the



Threw Down the Book in a Rage.

same seat with a little woman who held many bundles and a baby. The baby was asleep. The woman looked fagged and tired, but when her eyes chanced to rest on the infant in her tense arms, they grew soft with maternal tenderness. She apologized in flushing haste to the Bachelor when the baby's restless movements set a paper box squarely on his knee, but the pessimist only grunted. She tried to recover the box, but this, as she had only two arms, and both were full, proved difficult.

"Let the box stay, madam," snapped the Bachelor. He had not thought to help her. "It does not inconvenience me in the least."

So the box stayed. The Bachelor looked sedulously the other way, and tried to forget that it was there. The baby's pudgy pink hand was flung on his coat sleeve, and the Bachelor tried to forget that, too.

"I got off at the next corner, sir," said the woman. "Could you—would you—"

She rose in hurried anxiety to her feet, and more bundles rained down on the Bachelor.

"I could help you out, if that is what you mean," said the Bachelor sourly. "Oh, no, sir—thank you, sir!" For the Bachelor, red with irritation, had gathered up the scattered parcels.

The conductor grinned as he jerked the bellcord, and the perspiring Bachelor could have beaten him with his cane.

"I'll carry these bundles home for you, madam," he announced gruffly and reluctantly, when they reached the sidewalk. "My car has left me, anyway," and he smiled grimly after the rapidly receding lights.

"Yes, sir," said the woman, meekly. "Tain't far," she added, "just a block."

When he at last reached his cheerless room, he adjusted his new glasses with a scowl and picked up Omar Khayyam with a feeling of sudden distaste. "The Christmas spirit!" he growled. "Pshaw!"

But he did not see the printed page, though his eyes were screwed intently upon it for many minutes. Suddenly he threw down the vellum-covered book in a rage and tore off the place nez. "Hang it all!" said he furiously, "these glasses are no good. That driving idiot of an oculist ought to be drawn and quartered! I'm going down-town."

So he jammed his hat on his head and went down-town, and when he came back his overcoat pockets were bulging with a flaxen-haired doll warranted to say "mamma" without much pressure and a red jumping-jack of startling agility.

For the Christmas spirit had cast its sweet and potent spell over the pessimistic Bachelor, and he had suddenly remembered—that he had so often tried to forget—that his landlady was the mother of two riotous children.

"God bless 'em!" said the Bachelor.



Christmas is the supreme season of happiness for children. Their brains are filled with the beautiful imaginations of the good deeds of old Santa Claus. Many of them receive their first strong impressions in discriminating between good and wrong, and the rewards for the former, and the punishments for the latter.

The festive character of Christmas being undeniable, nothing can or could be more pleasing to the children and more strictly in accordance with the spirit of the day than a house party.

The day should begin for the child with the finding of his stockings filled with presents, which on the previous evening were hung on the bed post. This pretty custom should be encouraged until the wonderful travels and kindnesses of Santa Claus are looked upon with doubt by the recipient of his bounty.

The children should gather about the Christmas tree as presents are distributed. Of course if the father wants to impersonate Santa Claus so much the better. His appearance will be appreciated by the youngest and cannot be resented by the more experienced ones of 12 or 13 years.

Here are some suggestions in games. With a sympathetic person assisting the little folks, there should be plenty of fun.

"Whose Are the Eyes?"

"Whose Are the Eyes?" which has attained great popularity, dimly suggests the Vehmgericht, the secret tribunal of old Westphalia, in which the judges sat closely cowed and with their faces invisible. The game, however, is all mirth. Two of those that take part in it are seated side by side. Over the head of each is placed an outstretched newspaper. In this paper two holes are cut. The paper

conceals the head of each of the players beneath and only the eyes are visible through the eye holes. The object of the game is for the rest of the players to guess the ownership of the eyes as they see them by holding a candle close to them.

"Blow Out the Candle."

About as popular as this game is "Blow Out the Candle." One of the party is sent from the room. He or she returns blindfolded. A candle burns in the room, around which the other merry-makers are gathered. The blindfolded player must advance to the candle and blow it out.

It looks easy, but it isn't. The thickness of the blind is so dense that the light of the candle cannot be seen through it and in most cases the puff which should extinguish the candle is directed in the most absurd places.

"The Barrel Pie."

This is excellent fun and can afford many surprises for the merry-makers. Fill a barrel with all manner of little parcels, containing candy, small dolls, whistles, boxes, empty or filled with any article.

Let the little children plunge their hands into the mysterious depths. When some girl wins a whistle or a boy a doll or piece of coal, the situation is bound to produce much laughter.

"Blind Man's Buff."

If there is a person who has never played this game, he will undoubtedly seek to conceal the fact. The old can join with the young, and what could cause more merriment than to see uncle bump his knee against the table or mistake Aunt Jane for grandma?

"The Bobbing Apple."

This is delight pure and simple. Hang an apple from the ceiling and offer a small prize to the one who is able to grasp it with the teeth without

fingering it in any way. Let each child try in turn.

"Musical Chair."

This is considered great by the young, especially if there is a good lively player at the piano. Arrange the chairs in a row, having one less than the number of players. When the music suddenly stops each will make an effort to seat himself, but one must be disappointed.

"Charades."

The description of charades should have been left for the last, because it affords a true climax. Lucky are the children who can so rummaging and have in store for the party a whole lot of old clothes with which to impersonate the familiar home figures. This game requires an intelligent person to oversee it, and the children should enter into it with much seriousness, which gives an added charm to it. It is great fun to see a little fellow come in wearing an old hat and shawl of his mamma's or a little girl clothed in a large vest with a silk hat pulled down over her ears.

"A Topsy-Turvy Concert."

In this some of the children play while others watch. A curtain must be stretched about an impromptu stage, which conceals the bodies of the little folks except their heads and necks. The hands and arms of each of the players should be covered with stockings and shoes. When the children close together a Christmas song should be sung. At the conclusion of each verse the singers stoop down all together very quickly and each lowering the head elevates the arms above the curtain. All the singers thus appear to be standing on their heads. They keep time with the music with their feet, or rather their hands, and this when done simultaneously never fails to amuse.

Planning for the older guests on Christmas day should be guided by the aim to have them forget that they are old. To say the least, it is bad form to do and act in such a manner as to continually remind some old grandma that she is nearing the end of her course, when she might be doing her level best to forget it.

Games Are Old as Guests.

Of course, many of the older guests will indulge in cards, chess or checkers, while others will find their greatest pleasure in assisting the children. But for those that really want to play games in which all can join try these and don't be surprised if one of your guests remarks:

"Why, I played that game when I was a child."

Rather expect it—for very little in the celebration of Christmas is new.

Game of Plum Pudding.

This game has been played for years in this country under many names, but as near as can be learned the above name is proper.

A round piece of wood or a tin pan is provided and titled "Plum Pudding." The company proceed to choose winners by fixing upon two general Kettle and Gen. Pot.

These officers then



Christmas at the Locations

In no other city in America is Christmas celebrated in so many different ways as in Washington, for at Washington are gathered the official representatives of every land—Christian as well as pagan—and in the embassies and legations the holiday is celebrated according to the custom in vogue in the countries having representatives there.

So it is that the celebration there is international as well as national in character. Quint customs, indeed, prevail in the diplomatic corps. In one house you will find Christians commemorating the birth of the Savior, while in a house across the street a pagan brother from the orient is celebrating an entirely different day, for an entirely different occasion.

Pursuant to a long-established custom, ambassadors and minister plenipotentiaries entertain their official staffs at Christmas, inviting, such other friends as they may wish to have visit the legation at a time.

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ornamented with representations of saints and angels, the Virgin Mary and Joseph, the wise men from the east, shepherds, sheep and oxen. The presents are previously placed on great earthen wren in the center of the room, and as the young men fall in line and march down the aisle, each gives a small stick until the gifts are exhausted and the usual custom is observed.

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Stroked Her Golden Hair.

ohed and shed very softly, and when she had feasted her eyes on the tiny golden pin and had read several times the inscription: "To Her Highness, from her devoted subject," she relaxed her royal gravity and threw two soft little arms around his neck and kissed him.

"Oh thank you very much, sir knight!" she lisped. "And thank you, too, for your good wishes."

Then she sat herself on his knees and looked unendingly at the dainty box and its golden pin and nibbled her bonbons in great content.

"Um—" said he, presently. "Isn't her majesty at court to-day?"

"No," Her Highness answered, politely. "She—she went out for a drive in the park. Everybody rides there in the afternoon, don't they? And—she's going to dinner at auntie's."

"Indeed," breathed the knight, standing very rigidly. After a time he sat down again. The silence lengthened until it became oppressive to the child. She observed that the bonbons were all gone, but he seemed lost in a reverie, so Her Highness begged his pardon, and told him again that they were "all gone."

He fumbled in his pocket, and absently handed her another tribute, and apologized, and then he gulped and told her highness that she mustn't forget him when he was many miles across the ocean.

"And—and you will be away a long, long time? Away in London and Paris—way off in Europe?"

"Yes," he mumbled.

"And nobody will bring me presents," sighed the child. "But, then," she added, "I don't want nobody to bring me presents till you come back."

The knight stroked her golden hair affectionately.

"I don't think," he said, slowly, "that I'm coming back."

The child looked up with wide eyes. "Never?" she demanded, wonderingly.

"Never."

"Never—any more?"

"No, dear."

Her Highness regarded him with mystification.

"Never—comin'—back? And I won't



There's a wonderful tree, a wonderful tree, The happy children rejoice to see, Spreading its branches year by year, It comes from the forest to flourish here: Oh! this wonderful tree, with its branches wide is always blooming at Christmastide.

**CURIOSITIES ABOUT CHRISTMAS.**

Some Peculiar Customs Connected With the Christian Holiday.

The celebration of Christmas as a special festival is said to have begun in the first century, and during the life of the Apostle John one tradition of the church accredits him with inaugurating the custom.

In England the Christmas decorations may remain in the churches during the month of January, but must all be cleared away before February 2, or Candlemas day.

In France it is a common practice to celebrate Christmas by giving an extra ration to all domestic animals, on the theory that all creatures should rejoice at this season.

Santa Claus was introduced into America by the Dutch, of Holland. He is the American representation of the German Knecht Rupert.

Among the English common people, Christmas is lucky when it falls on Sunday, and unlucky when Saturday is the day of the Nativity.

Christmas mince pies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were made with a coffin-shaped crust, to represent the manger.

In Sicily there is a superstition that a boy born on Christmas day must be brought up a lawyer, or he will become a thief.

In all the states Christmas is a legal holiday, and in South Carolina the two following days are also holidays.

The custom of giving presents on Christmas day is general throughout the Christian world.

In Old England plum porridge was always served with the first course of a Christmas dinner.

Shakespeare was reading "Macbeth" to a friend and had just finished the lines:

"Lay on, Macduff! And damned be he who first cries 'Hold! Enough!'"

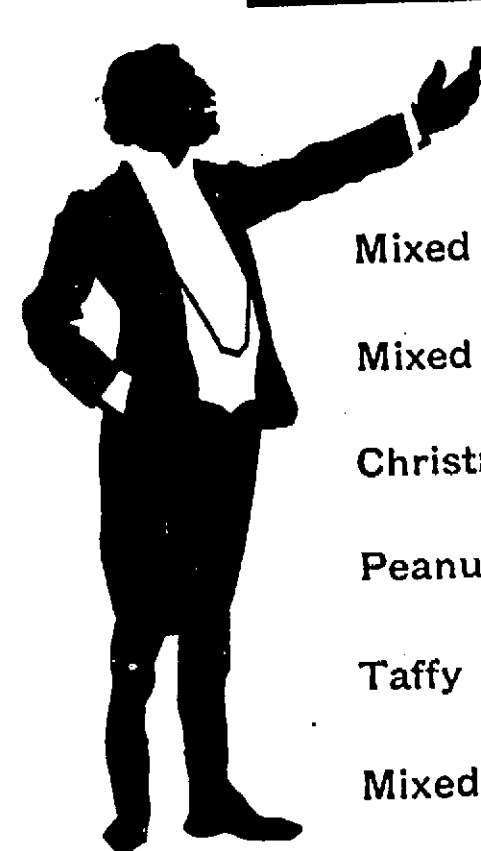
"But why do you work in that profanity?" asks the friend.

"Why," Shakespeare explains, with a patient consideration of the other's lack of prophetic insight, "the day is coming when the only way to get a laugh from the audience will be to have one of the characters swear, and surely I want this play to have a few comedy touches in it."—Lilo.



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Dr. Hogan was a departure north Wednesday.  
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James Trumble left Monday for Mount Pleasant, Michigan.  
J. F. Collins of Sheboygan, is visiting his brother Supt. W. B. Collins.  
The Electric trimmings on the Christmas trees at the First Baptist Church are being installed by Garland the electrician. No candles will be used, thus avoiding all danger of accidents by fire.

Miss Mary Elliott has been confined to her home the past week owing to illness.  
The Catholic sale of fancy articles held Tuesday and Wednesday was a financial success.  
Mrs. McCauley of Milwaukee has come to the city to make her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. John Hogan.

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Howard White came up from Waukegan last Thursday evening, where he has been employed as bookkeeper for A. M. Penny. After his arrival here, being accompanied by his brother Jesse, it was discovered that Howard had a slight case of small-pox. Their mother was immediately notified, sent over to the residence of another son, A. W., and after the two sons entered their home No. 538 Church street, the house was placed under quarantine. The case is a very mild one, Howard being about his room, and not confined to his bed at all.—Stevens Point Gazette.

On account of the small-pox scare at Chadburn Hall at Madison, the 200 or more girls having rooms there were sent to their homes. As soon as the discovery was made that there was a case of small-pox in the Hall, all the occupants of the Hall were vaccinated and immediately left for their homes. Misses Frances Coon, Estelle Diller and Signa Segerstrom were among the number and arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon.

The Bijou is the home of popular amusement. Moving pictures and illustrated songs being featured. d-19.  
Mrs. O'Brien left Tuesday morning for Milwaukee and Chicago. Her daughters Germaine and Delphine who are attending school in Milwaukee will accompany their mother home.

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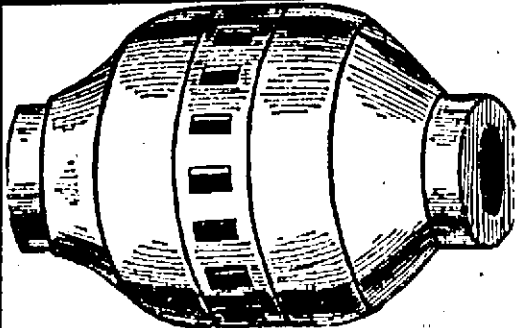
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morning and in the evening a Christ-  
mas concert will be given by the Sun-  
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are cordially invited.

At the card party held at the Pa-  
rochial Hall Wednesday evening the  
prize for the evening was won by Mr.  
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"The Yankee Regent," the attrac-  
tion which is announced at the Al-  
hambra theatre for the week, com-  
mencing Sunday, is the third of a  
trio of musical comedy successes from  
the pen of Ben M. Jerome. His "Isle  
of Spice," and "Royal Chef," both  
scored distinctive hits and are still  
delighting playgoers. The newest of-  
fering is said to surpass the earlier  
successes in point of tunefulness of  
its score and the book was the recipi-  
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ward and one in the second ward.  
Apply to Brown Bros. Lbr. Co.

LOST:—Dark tortoise shell cat. Red  
ribbon around neck; answers to name  
of "Happy". Return to 223 Messer  
St. and get reward \$10-20.

LOST:—A shell comb with gold  
mountings. Finder return to New  
North and receive reward.

LOST:—A little over a year ago, be-  
tween the home of D. H. Vaughan  
on Pelham St. and the Commercial  
House passing through the Congrega-  
tional church yard, a book, Science  
and Health by Mrs. Eddy. Name in  
the book, E. F. Emery, Millsboro,  
Penn. Finder return to New North  
office.

FOR SALE:—House (2 flats) with two  
large barns, income \$18 monthly, lot  
50x150. Price \$1500; terms \$500 cash,  
balance \$15 per month. Enquire of  
J. H. Goss 614 Keenan St.

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hangers, consisting of three maps, 1 of  
the world, 1 of Wisconsin, 1 of the  
United States and the Panama Canal  
Region. A fund of information in  
small space, should be in every home.  
Price 25 cents.

FOR SALE:—House in central loca-  
tion with all modern improvements.  
Inquire of H. Tuttle, 23 North  
Onida Ave.

FOR SALE:—Good lot in central lo-  
cation on street with sewer and im-  
provements. Inquire at New North  
Office.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many kind  
friends who came to our aid and were  
such a source of comfort to us dur-  
ing the time of our great sorrow.  
Gus. BACKSTROM AND FAMILY.

Geo. Mahoney goes to Omro to spend  
Xmas.

Mr. Chas. Persons will spend Xmas  
at Reedsville.

Emmerling carries all kinds of fowls  
for the Xmas trade.

Frank Bryant made a business trip  
to State Line, Friday.

Sam Williams spent part of last  
week at Eagle River.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Anton  
Rheumie, Sunday, a daughter.

Helen Horr, who has been confined  
to her home by illness is again able to  
be out.

C. W. Fish, manager of the Mason-  
Donaldson plant was in the city last  
week.

Misses Ethel Hewitt and Ethel  
Parker will spend the holidays at  
their homes in Oshkosh.

John Eby of State Line, who came  
to attend the funeral of Miss Jennie  
Eby returned to State Line Monday.

'Tis a wise father who buys his  
child a ticket for the Bijou rather  
than have the family cook stove sold  
for Old Iron.

E. H. Rogers of Sault Ste. Marie,  
representative of Osceola Mill and  
Elevator Co., is in the city looking  
over trade.

You take no chances when you or-  
der Hunt's Perfect Baking Powder  
and Extracts. They mean satisfac-  
tory results in baking every day in  
the week.

We are too busy to give you a song  
and dance about our Xmas candles.  
Just call in and our candy and prices  
will speak for themselves.

Kirk's KANDY KITCHEN.  
"Why The Angels Sang at Bethle-  
hem" in the morning and "Accepting  
God's Christmas Gift" in the evening  
will be the subjects at the First Bap-  
tist church next Sunday.

Go to Gleasons for poultry for the  
holidays.

Word has been received of the seri-  
ous illness of Merle Tuttle, who form-  
erly lived in this city, and was em-  
ployed in the store of his aunt, Mrs.  
Seabury. He married Miss Corda  
Brock, also formerly of this city.

A fine line of smoking jackets at  
The Hub.

At a special meeting of the Rhine-  
lander building and Loan Associa-  
tion, held on Monday December 9, it  
was voted to declare dividends as fol-  
lows: Second series, \$4.20 a share;  
third series, \$3.40 a share; fourth ser-  
ies, \$2.40 a share; fifth series, \$1.40 a  
share; sixth series, \$1.00 a share; sev-  
enth series, 45 cents a share.—Herald.

We have got just what you want  
and at the right prices.

E. G. Squinn.  
"Raymond & Poore's production of  
"East Lynne" at the Opera House  
last night deserved a good audience  
and got it. The production was a  
worthy one of that tear-producing old  
story, the several members of the  
company doing justice to their parts.  
The Band carried by the company ap-  
peared on the streets at noon in  
Zovave costume and the class of music  
rendered had much to do with calling  
out the evening crowd. In all, the  
company is a good one."—Sheboygan,  
Mich., News. At the Grand Opera  
House, Monday, December 23.

Order your turkey at Emmerling's.

Fancy vests at The Hub.

Miss Alma Olson goes to Appleton  
to spend Christmas.

Paul Browne has a departure north  
Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Jillion of Monico was in the  
city shopping Tuesday.

Miss Fern Scott leaves Saturday  
for her home at Washburn.

Step into Nichols' Hardware and  
see the assortment of Xmas presents.

Miss Grace Hansley goes to Minne-  
apolis the first of next week.

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chick-  
ens at Emmerling's Meat Market.

Mr. Forest Hines leaves Tuesday  
for Merrill where he will spend Xmas.  
Misses Elsie Huntington and Jessie  
Loveland go to Platteville for the  
Holidays.

Revs. Hocking and Tink spent  
Monday at F. H. Johnson's lumber  
camp near Hobson.

Mrs. A. Selbol went to Antigo last  
week to visit her sister, Mrs. Byrne.  
She returned Saturday.

Wm. Acker arrived Tuesday from  
the south and has accepted a position  
in Johnson's grocery store.

Wesley Reed of Oconto spent Sun-  
day in the city the guest of his sister  
and brother, Mrs. Runkle and Ray  
Reed.

B. F. Lounsbury of Wahpeton,  
North Dakota, brother of Mrs. Fred  
Coon, will spend Christmas here with  
his sister.

"Variety is the Spice of Life." All  
ways to be found at the Bijou theatre.  
d-19.

Miss Carrie Gebhardt of Fond du  
Lac, who has been visiting at the  
home of her cousin, Mrs. W. H.  
Trumbull left Monday morning.

When winds shriek high in headish  
glee,

And enters winter with his key  
Protect yourself, from disease be free;  
Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain  
Tea, J. J. Reardon.

P. C. Arenz was in the city Tuesday.  
Some time ago he bought the Wub-  
ber farm at McNaughton. He ex-  
pressed his intention of making a  
dairy farm of the 220 acres, compris-  
ing the purchase.

Mr. Skarstadt of St. Augustine  
College is acting as temporary pastor  
in the Swedish Lutheran church.  
Mr. Skarstadt occupied the pulpit  
thru' the summer and is welcome to  
his many friends.

Every boy and girl who does not  
get a Christmas present from some  
other source is invited to meet Pas-  
tor Gales at the First Baptist church  
on Christmas morning at nine o'clock  
and they will be given a nice gift.

At this office, fine map hangers,  
consisting of three maps, one of the  
world, one of Wisconsin, one of the  
United States and the Panama Canal  
Region. A fund of information in  
small space should be in every home.  
Price 25 cents.

At Emmerling's can be found any  
thing you wish in the Xmas line of  
meats.

Mr. Harry Hampton, who has been  
visiting at the home of M. Langdon,  
left last Thursday for Tower City,  
Minn., where he will locate. Mr. and  
Mrs. Hampton have been living for  
several years at St. Peter, Minn.  
Mrs. Hampton is still in the city.

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play the Largest and  
most complete  
line of

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EVER SHOWN IN RHINELANDER

Fancy China, Glassware, Lamps, Vases, Orna-  
ments, etc. Albums, Toilet Cases, Col-  
lar and Cuff Box, Glove and Tie  
Boxes, Post Card Albums, Smok-  
er's Sets, Shaving Sets, etc.

### TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Here you will find everything in the Toy  
Line. Steam Toys, Spring Toys, Banks, Magic  
Lanterns, Doll Trunks, Go-Carts, Iron Fire  
Engines, Trains, Watches, Guns, Toy Furniture,  
etc.

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over struck—beats any cocktail con-  
cocted. Doesn't go to the head, does  
prepare the stomach for more solid  
nourishment. We guarantee its puri-  
ty—you will swear by it as to its taste  
and its appetite provoking quality.  
Yet its costs only \$1 per case of 19  
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A Good Selection at Prices  
that will suit you

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1 South Brown Street.







# ALONE AT CHRISTMASTIME

By S. BARING-GOULD

Is there—can there be—a man more lonely than one returned from a far country, who has been out of his home land for 20 years, and comes back when his parents are dead, his old friends dispersed, and the old nest has passed to other occupants? And can his loneliness be more emphasized than when his return synchronizes with Christmas?

That was my condition when I revisited the mother country. With a beating heart and straining eyes I had looked for the first sight of dear old America after having left it as a lad, hardly a man, some 20 years ago.

I was back—not to home—I had no home now. My heart began to fall me, my spirits decline, when I reached the little country town near which I had been born, and where I had floated the golden hours of childhood. No one knew me. In the churchyard I laid a wreath on the graves where lay dear old father and mother. I looked at our house. It had been rebuilt and was occupied by strangers.



"You Are Very Good."

I went through the village. The little shops had fresh names over them. The old rector who had baptized me was dead. The old school was gone. The ancient church had been renovated. The village inn was in new hands. The old Christmas was no more. No frost, no snow, no icicles; only sludge and a drizzling rain.

I returned from my visit to the village in deep depression. I would haste to the rooms I had taken in a house in the town, and spend my Christmas Eve with my pipe and glass—alone, with not even an old dog to lie at my feet and look up with speaking eyes into my face and sympathize with me in my solitude. I would pass the evening before the fire, looking into the red coals, not building castles among them, but watching the tumbling down of old cottages, old farms, old reminiscences, into ash.

I had done well in the other land, and had returned, not a rich man, but with a competence.

It had been my wish, my ambition, to settle in the village about which

clung all my sweetest and holiest thoughts; to buy there a little land, to tread the old paths, ramble in the same woods, look upon the same scenes, dwell among the same people, re-make a home in the same place. But now—? Could it be?

As I walked back to my lodgings, through the street and by the market place, folk were hurrying in all directions, some with bunches of holly in their hands, a girl or two with a sprig of mistletoe slyly hid in her muff, a man wheeling a Christmas tree on a barrow, butchers' boys carrying joints for the morrow's dinner. Plum puddings and mince pies were displayed in the confectioners' shops. The chemist, the hairdresser, the seedsman, the draper had stuffed their windows with toys, toys, toys. He who had come to earth as a little child had filled every heart with thought of the little ones, and desire to make Christmas a day of joy to them. I had no tiny ones of my own, no little nieces and nephews, no small cousins for whom to provide anything. I was alone—utterly, desolately alone.

As I pursued my way I saw a tall, slim girl walking before me with a basket on her arm, and I noticed that the bottom had come out, and that the contents fell on the pavement. Of this she was unaware. I stooped and picked up a little woolly lamb, then—a something wrapped in paper—then a silver match box breaking out of its covering.

Gathering them together, I ran after the girl and stopped her.

"Excuse me," said I. "Are you a female Hop o' my Thumb, dropping tokens whereby your track may be known?"

I showed her what I had collected. She colored and thanked me. Then I recognized her as the daughter of my landlady.

"You must allow me," said I, "to tie my handkerchief round the basket, and to carry it for you. I believe that we go the same way."

"You are very good," she replied. "We are about to have a Christmas tree for the children this evening, and I have been making some trifling purchases as presents for my brothers and sisters, and for papa and mamma, who must not be forgotten."

"There go the candles!" I exclaimed, as a catarnet of red, yellow and green tapers shot out of the basket.

"And there's an orange!" said she, as one of these fell bounced forth and fell, and rolled away into the gutter.

We were forced to stoop and collect the scattered wax lights, and then to tie my large handkerchief about the basket.

"What a fortunate thing," said I, "that I have got a good sized kerchief in place of one of the miserable little rags that do service nowadays. That is, because I cling to old customs, and when I was a boy my mother always gave me something like a dish-cloth in my pocket."

Then we proceeded on our way, and when we went into the house, she received the basket from me, and again thanked me. "You must not remove the kerchief," she said, "it is unpecked." I said, "or there will be another discharge of the contents, and then the children will see what you have provided for them."

"Shall you be dining out to-morrow?" asked the girl.

"I—oh, no! I have none to dine with. I know no one here."

"And this evening. Shall you be going anywhere?"

"I—oh, no! I have nowhere whither to go."

So we parted, and I ascended to my room. I made up the fire, and sat down and reread the newspaper. There was much in it about the approaching feast. I had the illustrated papers. They had issued Christmas supplements, with pictures of happy family gatherings, of Old Father Christmas, of waits and carol singers. I might perhaps hear the waits and singers. I should certainly hear the Christmas bells. That would be all.

I had done with my papers. I sat before the fire in a brown study, and my spirits sank lower and ever lower. I recalled the old Christmas I had spent at home with my parents. I remembered how I had looked into my stockings on the morning to see if Old Father Christmas had visited me in the night and had left there some presents for the Good Boy.

Alas! No Father Christmas would visit me now. All that was of the past—the utterly and irrevocably past.

I did not light my candles. I could read no more. I needed no light for my thoughts, they were too dark to be illumined thus.

As I stood thus musing, I heard a tap at my door, and shouted: "Come in!" There ensued delay, and I called again: "Come in!"

Then the door opened and I saw some little heads outside, with golden curls and flushed cheeks, and a child's voice said: "Please, Mr. What's-your-name, will you come to our tree downstairs?"

"I—I—"

As I hesitated, the child said: "Please—Annie told us to ask you."

And then I saw the tall girl whom I had assisted draw back into the dark behind them.

"Most certainly I will, as you are so kind as to invite me."

So I descended, and there were my landlord and landlady, radiant with happiness, and the five children danced before me and said: "He is come; is it not nice?" Behind, presently, entered Annie, somewhat shyly, and pretending she had come from the kitchen.

I was witness of the delight of the little ones over their presents—the



I Saw the Tall Girl.

woolly lamb, a small cart, a cannon, a doll—the father over a pair of warm stockings of Annie's knitting, the mother over a shawl, also of her work; and I stood smiling and happy, when up sprang one of the children and plucked from the tree the silver match box.

"This," said the child, "is for Mr. What's-his-name. Sister Anne said it was for him."

I was moved more than I can say. So—some had been thinking of me, though I was only a lodger.

"Look here, sir!" said the father, "you're a stranger in the country, and at such a time as this there must be no strangers. You must really sup with us, and dine also with us to-morrow. I can promise you a good dinner, for it is of Annie's making."

All was changed. I was a stranger and they took me in; I was lonely and they made of me a friend.

Christmas day, 10:30 p. m.

I returned to my room upstairs, made up the fire, and seated myself before it. I had spent a very pleasant day, and a pleasant evening before that. I did not now feel so discouraged, so hopeless. That was a nice family, very friendly and considerate. And I began to build in the fire. I no longer saw only ruins. I saw, as it were, a pleasant home rise out of the coals, and a pleasing face looked up at me out of them—very much like that of Annie. Ah! If the old home was gone, might I not build one that would be new. I need no longer live in the past, but look to the future, and next Christmas, please God—I would not be alone, that is if Annie—but I cannot say—will consent to put an end to my loneliness and help in building up a future.

Of Interest to Stockholders.

Jasper—I hear that Santa Claus has given up his yearly rounds.

Jumpuppe—You don't tell me!

Jasper—Yes. He has accepted a regular position on the "Salaries Committees" of various big corporations.

—Town Topics.

the alarm among those who realize what the loss of Colorado's timber supply will mean to her future. In Michigan there are companies which make a business of raising trees especially for Christmas and who ship to New York, Boston and other eastern points. Christmas trees vary in height from three to 20 feet and in price on the markets from 50 cents to four dollars. Dealers in the large cities buy Christmas trees by the acre or tract as they stand in the spruce thickets or in the swamps, after which trees are cut down and shipped both by water and

by rail. An average car load comprises 1,200 to 1,500 trees. The demand for them is increasing with each year. A city like Cleveland, O., for example, uses about 50,000 Christmas trees in a season. Many tons of pine for decorations are also shipped from the forests to the cities.

A Holiday Reflection.

"A Christmas tree is a good deal like a wife."

"How's that?"

"It's the trimmings that cost."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## A WONDERFUL PRESENT

I was just two days before Christmas. Outside the wind was whistling and the snow falling fast, but they only made Grandma Loring's pleasant and cheerful kitchen all the more pleasant and cheerful by contrast.

A bright fire was burning on the hearth, around which were three rosy, bright-eyed children, Nellie, Josie and Willie, roasting chestnuts and as happy as happy can be.

"I wonder what I shall have this year!" said Josie. "I had, oh, such beautiful presents last Christmas—a book, a ten-set and a work-box!"

"And I had a top, a white rabbit; and, oh! such a lot of goodies!" said little Willie, who was the youngest of the three.

"I know what I'd like," continued Josie; "I'd like a wax doll like Katie Brown's, that will open and shut its eyes, and has real hair, and cries like any baby; wouldn't you, Nellie?"

Nellie was talking the chestnuts off the fire. When she turned her face, rosier than usual, toward the light, it had a rather sober look.

"Yes, I'd like it. But a doll like that costs lots of money, and papa feels almost too poor this year; I heard mamma say so. I shouldn't wonder if I didn't have any Christmas presents at all!"

These solemnly spoken words fell like a damper on the spirits of Josie and Willie, who loved dearly their gentle, sweet-tempered little cousin.

"Is Uncle John poor, grandma?" said Josie.

"No, dear, Uncle John isn't poor, but he has not with some losses this year that makes him feel as if he were."

"Cousin Nellie shall have a Christmas present!" said Willie stoutly. "I'll give her my—my white rabbit!"

Now the white rabbit was the most precious of all Willie's possessions.

"And I'll give her my box of puzzles!" cried Josie, not to be outdone in generosity.

Grandma Loring smiled.

"I am glad to find my children so unselfish, but I think Nellie will be provided for. Indeed, I shouldn't wonder if her present was the nicest of all."

"Nicer than Katie Brown's doll?"

"A great deal nicer."

"What is it, grandma?" cried both the little girls in a breath.

Grandma shook her head mysteriously.

"It's a secret—Nellie isn't to know till she gets home."

Then the door opened and in walked a tall man, his shaggy great-coat so white with snowflakes as to make him look something like the "polar bear" that he, laughingly, called himself.

But Nellie did not mind this.

"Oh, papa! papa!" she cried, flying into his arms, which gave her a bear-like hug that nearly took away her breath.

Half-an-hour later Nellie was seated on her papa's knee, treating him to the chestnuts she had roasted, in a very happy and contented frame of mind.

She suddenly bethought herself.

"Papa, grandma says that you've got a Christmas present for me. How nice! Is it nicer than any I've had yet?"

Mr. Loring looked across the table at grandma and smiled.

"So I have, daughter; a present that's worth more than all the presents you ever had put together."

Nellie looked wistfully into the smiling eyes of the speaker.

"Is it a secret, papa?" she whispered.

"A great secret, little girl."

Nellie said no more, partly because she knew it would be of no use, and then she was not one of those little girls who make themselves and everybody around them unhappy by continual teasing.

"What is my little daughter thinking about?" said Mr. Loring on Christmas morning as the two were on their way back to the city.

"About my Christmas present, papa. Shall I have it as soon as I get home?"

"Just as soon as you get home."

Nellie did not find her mother in the sitting-room as she had expected.

"I think mamma must be in her room," said Mr. Loring; "we will go and find her."

And taking Nellie by the hand he led her upstairs into a pleasant room, where her mother was sitting, and who kissed her many times.

"Nellie is anxious to see her Christmas present," he said, looking toward a woman at the other end of the room, whom Nellie had not noticed, and who had a funny-looking little bundle of flannel in her lap.

At a sign from Mrs. Loring the woman laid this bundle very carefully in her arms, and her mother began to undo its various wrappings.

As she reached the last one Nellie uttered a scream of delight, for there lay just the dearest and sweetest baby you can imagine, with such bright eyes and cunning little hands and feet that Nellie fell in love with it directly.

"It is none of your make-believes," she said in dilating upon her good fortune, "but a live, sure-enough baby!"

Nellie had often wished for a little brother, and now her wish was gratified. And as he began to laugh and, as he very soon did, and to know and prattle, her delight increased daily—N. Y. Weekly.

Bears Rout Ball Players.

The First Baptist Church Sunday school held its annual picnic the other day at Brookside Park, says the York Gazette. A baseball game was broken up by a number of bumblebees, which attacked the players so fiercely as to leave fond remembrances.

A nest located in the vicinity of shortstop was not discovered until late in the game, and then one of the players molested the bees, with the result that three of the players were stung.

## MADONNA AND CHILD.



## Christmas in Bethlehem

How the Glad Holiday Is Celebrated in Christ's Natal Town.

The little city of Bethlehem is set upon a hill which is crowned by the Church of the Nativity, writes Marion Harland. The Grotto, which all sects of believers have agreed upon as the birthplace of our Lord, is directly under the church and entirely dependent for light upon artificial means. A silver star is set into the pavement of a semi-circular niche, above which is an altar adorned with the usual churchly symbols. By the light of 16 colored lamps suspended under the altar we read the inscription in Latin: "Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary."

The long line of pilgrims prostrated themselves, one by one, and kissed the star, some with dropping tears—all, silently—solemnized beyond the range of speech. It did not add to our solemnity to be shown the manger, decorated with lace and an embroidered altar-cloth.

The really impressive things were occasional glimpses of the rough stone walls and roof of the ancient stable, visible here and there between the gaudy decorations.

The service of Christmas Eve began at half-past ten at night and concluded at half-past two in the morning. At midnight a lullaby from the organ preluded the supreme moment of the occasion—the sudden folding back of a curtain above the altar, revealing a manger-cradle and a box wax doll. The exultant outburst of organ and choir in a magnificent Gloria in Excelsis accompanied the stately procession of the entire staff of priests and acolytes, chanting and swinging censers while they bore up one aisle and down another, back to the high altar, the same doll, dressed in cambric and lace, and nestling in the embrace of the richly appareled bishop.

Every incident of our last night in Jamal's camp in Bethlehem recurs to me with peculiar distinctness. How, as the darkness deepened, the red, blinking eyes of the charcoal craters

of the wonderful portable stove provided over by our accomplished chef in the door of the kitchen tent—the night being breezeless—shone upon the under side of the olive boughs over our heads, while our quiet talk went on of what had happened in the old town behind us.

We spoke longest of David's Greatest Son, and of the Birth that was to draw the eyes and thoughts of all nations to the little city on the hilltop in the land of Juda.

At midnight, kept wakeful by the rush and burden of thought, I awoke to look from the tent door upon watchful stars that here have, as a jealous majesty I had never recognized elsewhere, and wondered anew, when amidst the glittering hosts "marching on the nightly plain" had flashed the Star of Bethlehem. For the last time in our eventful series of journeys, we saw the dawn redden the mountains of Moab, the thin crescent of the waning moon dying, while, gazed, before the brightness of coming sun.

## A Christmas Carol

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending o'er the earth—  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

For to the days are hastening on  
By prophet-bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold:  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

E. F. Sears.



MILLIONS OF CHRISTMAS TREES.

American Forests Being Stripped of Evergreen Saplings for the Holidays.

American forests are being stripped all too rapidly of timbers suitable for Christmas trees. Maine sends out nearly 1,000,000 a year. Vermont has shipped 1,000,000 more saplings for a single holiday season. In Colorado 100,000 evergreen trees are sacrificed every year for the needs of that state alone—a fact which is causing no lit-

## WISE GIRL



Ethel—If you're not going to accept Mr. Koyne, why don't you tell him to stop calling on you.

Clarice—I am, right after Christmas.

## THE LESSON OF THE PASSING YEARS.

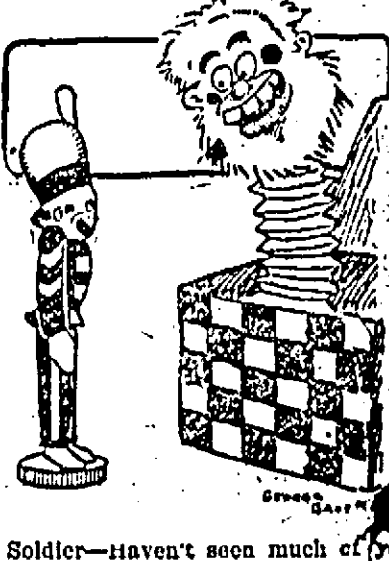
The days slip away like water in a running stream. Time's great clock never loses. Relentlessly, surely the moments pass, and our eager hands are not able to detain them. We cannot keep back the flying years, but we can and should keep the blessings they bring. Hold fast the lessons they have taught. Keep the memory of their joys. Enrich every day of life with the garnered wealth of the days behind. The years pass, but they leave their treasure with us. If our hands and heart are open to receive them.

Under the Mistletoe.

"I will look for you under the mistletoe," he wrote, and she then and there, for fear of any mistake, you know, put the mistletoe in her hair.

—Lurana W. Sheldon, in Judge.

## AFTER CHRISTMAS.



Soldier—Haven't seen much of you lately. Been staying at some pretty close?

Jack-in-Box—Oh, no; I've been out and a good deal.



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**Store Open Evenings Until Christmas**

**TOYS--DOLLS--GAMES--All are here, the old standbys and most of the new ones. The children will be delighted. Bring them along.**

**THE CHRISTMAS STORE IS CROWDED: BECAUSE SO MANY PRICES ARE REDUCED.**

## Thousands of Practical Christmas Gifts:

- 25c buys Indian dressed dolls.
- 75c buys elegantly dressed sleeping dolls.
- 5c buys 10c and 15c Christmas tree ornaments.
- 18c buys the popular fish pond game.
- 25c buys the latest books of fiction for boys.
- 75c buys beautiful hand painted bottle imported high grade perfume.
- 75c buys 1.00 and 1.25 shopping bags.
- 1.48 buys 1.75 to 2.25 shopping bags.
- 1.25 buys linen battenberg table covers.
- 98c buys 1.25 baby basket.
- 25c buys a pretty fair sort of a Teddy Bear.
- 5c buys 1 dozen paper napkins, holly design.
- 50c buys ladies' silk hose supporters.

- 1.00 buys elegant boudoir slippers.
- 4.00 buys the stylish flexible Red Cross Shoes for women.
- 50c to 1.25 buys ladies finest silk scarfs.
- 75c buys 1.25 beaded purses.
- 15c buys 25c embroidered handkerchiefs.
- 2.50 buys 4.00 glove and handkerchief box.
- 50c buys good comb and brush set.
- 48c buys Japanese glove boxes.



- 1.19 buys infant's 2.25 warm lined knit jacket.
- 1.25 buys infant's heavy knit carriage robe.
- 1.25 buys women's fine felt slippers.
- 45c buys women's best golf gloves.
- 98c buys ladies' large Newport head shawls.
- 7.50 buys woman's newest style 10.00 long winter coats.
- 1.75 and 2.00 buys good neck furs.
- 7.50 buys finest 10.00 Panama skirts in black or brown.
- 1.50 buys children's white fur sets—muff and collar—ette.
- 1.25 buys 1 doz. all linen napkins worth 2.00.
- 75c per yard buys new dollar shirt waist silks.
- 1.25 per yard buys silk crepe de chine for scarfs.
- 8c yard buys inch wide holly ribbon.

### THE CITY IN BRIEF

Mrs. John Greenwood is on the sick list this week.  
Remember Gleasons when getting your Xmas Chicken.  
The largest, the latest, and the best line of postals, at Hinman's Drug Store.

The Wausau Business College wants you for a student.  
Miss Susie Smith goes to Stevens Point, Saturday.  
Don't forget that Miss Edith Kelly takes orders for home made cream candy.  
The Rhinelander Military Band will give a concert at the Bijou Theater, December 30. Further announcement will be made later.

## Grand Opera House MONDAY, DEC. 23

**RAYMOND & POORE**

**MISS IRENE TAYLOR**

In an Elaborately Costumed Revival of

**"EAST LYNNE"**

The Sweetest Story Ever Told

More Jewels and Elaborate Gowns Worn Than Ever on Your Stage Before.

**A Guaranteed Attraction**

**PRICES 25c, 35c and 50c**

Go to The Leader for your Xmas presents.  
Miss Mae Manson goes to Fond du Lac to spend the Holidays.  
Miss Petronella Scanlan goes to her home in De Pere, Saturday.  
Co. Treasurer N. T. Baldwin was an Eagle River business caller last week.  
Mrs. Fred Perron leaves Friday for Plainfield to spend the Holidays with relatives.  
Did you know that Lewis Hardware Co. are selling 35c and 40c Brooms for only 25c.  
Miss Belle Horr has been offered a position as teacher at Stanley to begin after the Holidays.

Nothing is more suitable for a gentleman than a nice pocket knife. Get one of those at Nichols'.  
Lynn Pack's many friends will be pleased to hear that he is recovering from a severe attack of diphtheria.  
If you want eyeglasses or spectacles fitted perfectly go to P. Hitz, the optician and jeweler. He guarantees all his work.

**KANDY KITCHEN** is where you can find fresh home made candy of all kinds and prices to suit the times. 115 Brown St.  
Where are you going to get your Xmas tree? Clyde Remo and Alden Keith will have them from 3 to 10 ft high. Call and see them at 19 Brown St., Saturday Dec. 21.  
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. W. E. Brown on Wednesday last and elected the following officers: Pres.—Mrs. Porter Foster. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Chas. Paulk. Sec.—Mrs. J. J. Reardon. Treas.—Mrs. A. W. Shelton.

You know as well as any one when you need something to regulate your system. If your bowels are sluggish, your food distresses you, your kidneys pain, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It always relieves. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. J. J. Reardon.  
The Salvation Army will make their annual distribution of Christmas baskets at the Hall 2 Brown St. next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Many visits have been made by the officers and great care taken to reach the ones most deserving.

Arthur Taylor was an Eagle River visitor last week.  
Go to the Hub for small articles in Christmas goods.  
All kinds and varieties of candles at Nelson's the cash grocer.  
Jack O'Brien is moving his family from Bundy this week.  
Miss Lizzie Riechel will spend Christmas at Stevens Point.  
The only real live Santa Claus in town is found at The Leader.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O'Connor of Eagle River spent Sunday in the city.  
You can have all goods engraved free of charge at Squier's, Jewelry Store.

Buy your wife a quick meal range for Xmas and she will be happy. Go to Nichols'.  
Don't forget to give your order to Miss Edith Kelly for delicious home made cream candy.  
Miss Kathryn Hagen leaves Friday for Winnipeg to spend the winter with her brother John.  
Misses Lucy Mead and Cecelia Johnson go to Chicago, Saturday to remain thro' the Holidays.  
Help to make some poor child happy this Christmas by sending in a gift to Rev. Thomas W. Gales.

Now is the time to order Lamin's suits at the Hub.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cunningham are rejoicing over the birth of an eleven pound baby girl, Saturday.  
We cash all checks on purchases—New line of suits, Overcoats and Shoes just in at the New Clothing Store.  
I have wall paper in every grade and coloring and can save you nearly one-half on your wall paper needs. J. J. Reardon.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will hold a cake sale Saturday p. m. Dec. 21, at Johnson & Peterson's grocery store on Davenport St.  
The Woman's Missionary Society of the Congregational church met last Wednesday and elected the following officers for 1908: Pres.—Mrs. Geo. Jenkinson. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. C. P. Crosby. Sec.—Mrs. R. C. Dayton. Treas.—Mrs. L. Emmerling.

**Christmas Post cards** at Hinman's Drug Store.  
John Eby left Monday for Peoria, Ill.  
Santa Claus at The Leader, Saturday.  
H. E. G. Kemp of Oshkosh was in the city Tuesday.  
Andrew Jensen of New London was in the city Tuesday.  
A fine line of Holiday goods at Hinman's Drug Store.  
The Priscillas cleared \$100 at their sale and supper last Saturday.  
Sleighting will soon be here. Buy your cutter now at Nichols' Hardware.  
Mrs. C. Eby and daughter Elizabeth left Wednesday morning for Peoria, Ill.  
Nelson the cash grocer, has a nice fresh supply of grapes for his Xmas trade.  
Miss Belle Horr acted as substitute for Miss Olive McDonald during her absence.  
Miss Margaret Phillips was called to Milwaukee on account of the illness of her sister.  
Reardon's Tasteless Castor Oil is pure castor oil with the disagreeable taste removed.  
Nichols' Hardware carries a full line of mechanics' tools.  
Miss Leta Sparks of Parrish Junction was in town on Saturday the guest of Mrs. Danielson.  
Misses Lillian Foster and Esther Newell go to Iron River, Mich., to spend the Holidays with Miss Grace Davis.  
Arthur Rouse, formerly of this city, now of Indianapolis, arrived in the city Tuesday to remain until after the Holidays.  
Call at E. G. Squier's and get prices on your Christmas goods before purchasing.  
Get your order in early to be sure of getting goods on time at Nelson's the cash grocer.  
Miss Marie Iverson leaves Saturday for Superior where she will spend her vacation.  
Don't forget to come here with your check. We will cash it. New Clothing Store.  
King's Blackberry Cordial will check diarrhoea or any summer complaint in from 3 to 6 hours, 25c at Reardon's.  
More cast off clothing is needed by Pastor Gales for some poor families on his list. This is practical Christianity that should be supported.  
Cut rates on household goods to Pacific coast and other points. Superior services at reduced rates. The Boyd Transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn.  
For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by Hinman & Co.  
This is the season of decay and weakened vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you'd retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way, 35c, Tea or Tablets. J. J. Reardon.  
The Leader carries a full assortment of Xmas goods.  
Mr. J. A. Tibesar, division superintendent of the International Correspondence School and Mr. P. E. Jurdie representative of the schools are in the city this week. They have a display at Morrill & Barber's furniture store.  
The following extra salespeople are observed in Crusoe's department store helping the regular force take care of the holiday rush: Ethel Wilson, Ella Whitaker, Mary Boyce, Cecelia Bassett, Bertha Rindal, Hannah Anderson and Grace Davis.  
Put plenty of sugar in your Christmas cake; 20lbs for a dollar at Nelson's the cash grocer.  
The many friends of Mrs. John Peterson on Mason St. surprised her Saturday evening; it being her birthday and presented her with a set of decorated china and a handsome rocking chair. Dainty refreshments were served; cards, games and music was the order of the evening.  
Have you seen the new patterns in cut glass at E. G. Squier's Jewelry Store?  
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Riek entertained the young men of St. Augustine's church last Thursday evening. After a pleasant evening exchanging stories, smoking and partaking of the delightful luncheon offered by Mrs. Riek the company departed praising the capabilities of the host and hostess.  
If you expect to go away Christmas get a new suit case at the Hub.  
The following musical program will be rendered at the Congregational church Sunday evening Dec. 22, 1907: Hail the King.....Chorus Christmas Bells.....Chorus In the Manger.....Class Song Selection by the Choir.....Chorus Carols of Children.....Chorus Star of Bethlehem.....Class Song Solo with violin obligato.....Selected The Angels' Song.....Class Song Selection by the Choir.....Full Chorus Tell the Joyful Tidings.....Full Chorus  
Nelson's cash grocery carries all the green vegetables in market—fresh celery, lettuce, cucumbers, etc.  
Every one has seen or read "East Lynne." Full of comedy, pathos and sentiment it has a trend of feeling that appeals to the sympathy of all. It will still be a great play when the popular plays of the day are gone and forgotten. Its story is the old one of man, the tempter and the betrayer, and women the unction caused by an uncalculated jealousy. It is interesting full of heart interest and is a lesson to every human being. It will be seen at the Opera House next Monday evening December 23.

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**ONLY** at this store can the far-famed faultless fitting "Dorothy Dodd" Shoes be procured. More handsome shoes, or more thoroughly good shoes, or more satisfactory shoes are not to be had at any price—and all styles, shapes and leathers may be had in "Dorothy Dodd's."

**\$3.00 and \$3.50**

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Patent Leathers

While it is upon their superior quality and attractiveness that "Dorothy Dodd" Shoes have achieved their phenomenal success, it is not less interesting to know that they cost no more than you have to pay for ordinary shoes. You incur not the least obligation by asking to see them.

Watch for Our Circulars Saturday.

## PEOPLES SAVINGS STORE

O. A. KOLDEN, Proprietor.

## SEE OUR DISPLAY FOR Christmas Shoppers

Women's good felt flexible leather sole and heel slippers in Black, Brown, Dark Green and Maroon for \$1.00. We begin our good value unload with a full run of sizes in Romeos and fancy buckle.

We have a snap direct from a leading manufacturer in the above and are passing it on to the trade.

Special prices just now on a run of Boys' and Young Men's Suits from \$2.75 to \$15.00.

AT **GARY & DANIELSON**

### NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received at the City Clerk's office, by the Board of Public Works of the City of Rhinelander, up to 12 o'clock noon on the 19th day of December 1907, for 400 cords of 4 ft. green tamarack wood. Said wood to be delivered at the City pumping station on or before March 1st, 1908. Bids may be made in 25 cord lots or more.  
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.  
By order of said Board of Public Works.  
Gust. SWEDBERG, City Clerk.  
Dated December 10th, 1907. d19

### CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

This year we have a very large stock of fine jewelry, diamonds, cut glass, watches, clocks, sterling silverware and musical instruments, which we have bought for the Christmas trade. Our prices are very low and we invite you to call and inspect our stock and note our prices. We can save you money and we guarantee our goods.  
FERDINAND HITZ, Jeweler.  
Rhinelander, Wis.

### NIGHT BUSINESS SCHOOL.

Due to the recent fire on Brown St., it is necessary to discontinue the Night School of Stenography until the first of the year. Work will then be resumed on an enlarged plan and a book-keeping department added.  
Miss RICKMAN, No. 7 S. Brown St.

### WOOD FOR SALE.

Dry tamarack sixteen inches and four ft., green hard wood sixteen inches and four ft. Dry slab wood four ft. Phone 124-2. S. Kelley.

E. G. Squier has just received another gross of Ingersoll watches for the Boys Xmas present \$1.00 each. Every one guaranteed.

## Fancy Work Display

A line of fancy articles, consisting of dressed dolls, aprons, coat hangers, tie racks, bed slippers, dressing sacks and many other attractive articles suitable for Christmas presents may be found at

**MISS KELLEY'S**  
Cor. Stevens and King Streets.

## BARNES-WEESNER AGENCY INSURANCE That INSURES

"ill go on your Bond." Money to Loan on Good Security.

**A SQUARE DEAL**

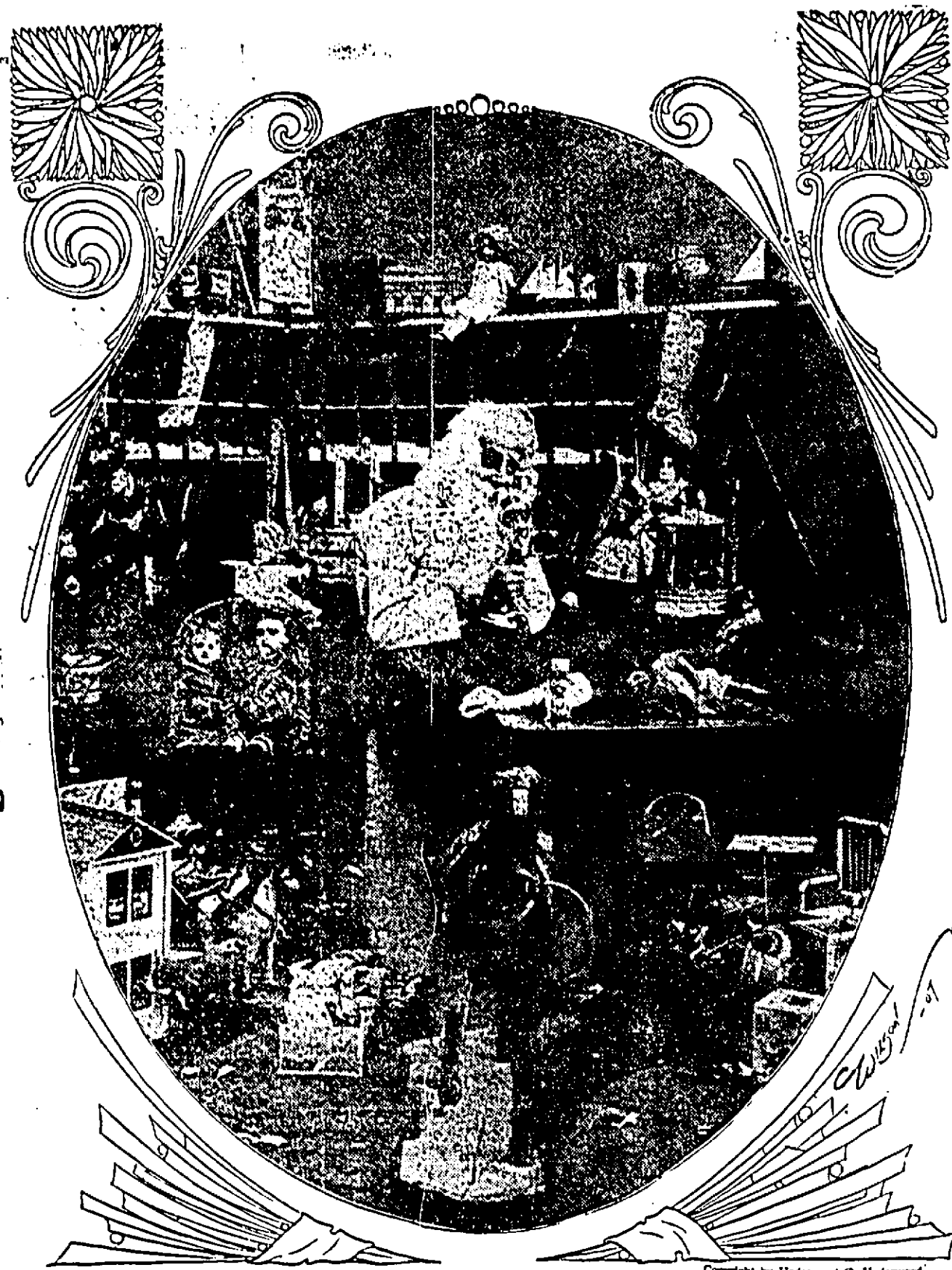
Merchants State Bank Building. Phone 240.

## Choice Family Groceries of all Kinds FLOUR FEED HAY

The place to get first class goods at reasonable price.

**C. M. PAULSON**  
WEST SIDE





"Hello, Little One!"

## THE ASSOCIATED SANTA CLAUS

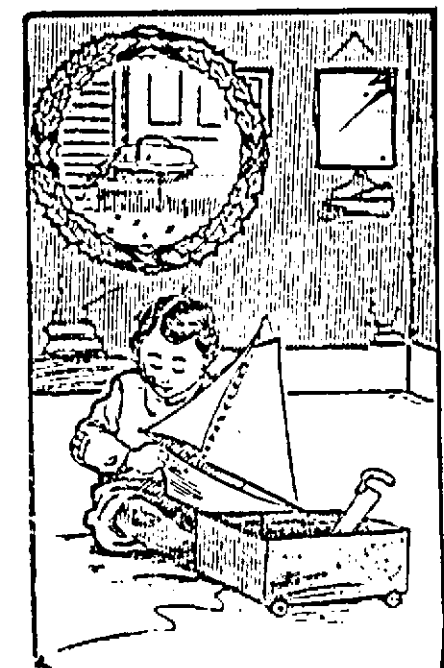
By CHARLES FREDERIC GILLIAN

"Hello, George, what's the matter with you?" asked Will James, as George Johnson stepped into his office in one of the sky-scrappers, and sank wearily into a chair.

"I'm clear fugged out," was the reply. "Do you know, this Christmas business is something awful!"

"James laughed. 'Are you finding that out for the first time?'"

"No, but it seems worse than usual



Joy Over a Cherished Toy.

this time. It appears that my folks have nearly every little thing they need, and, when I find some particular thing that strikes my fancy, it costs so much, by the time I even up all around, I can't afford it."

"Well, if misery loves company, you've got plenty of it. We're all in the same box. I confess it strains me so that I take all the pleasure away from the giving, because the expense is really greater than I can afford."

"That's it exactly. It wouldn't be so bad if the gifts were restricted to one's own family, but some of the relatives or friends makes some of the family a present and it has to be met in kind, or with something a little better, in order to relieve one's self of the sense of obligation. If these presents were merely for the purpose of keeping even, it's a horse of another color."

"Yes, and our most expensive presents go to those who are better fixed financially than ourselves, and who have the least need for them. Why, just last week one of my pieces, who is in very moderate circumstances, and of whom I think a good deal, was married, and we sent her a piece of plated silverware that cost four dollars. At the same time we sent Miss DeForest for her wedding present a cut glass dish that cost \$15, and she'd hardly recognize us if we met her on the street."

"I'm glad you told me that, Will. I had a sort of a sneaking idea that I was about the biggest fool in town in that direction, but I guess you and your family and I and my family and everybody else and his family are all in the same boat. But what's to be done? Can't we make a declaration of independence? My wife and I make resolves every year, but we keep stretching the limit a little, until by the time we get through the flat we find we have sent more than the preceding year."

"I'm with you on two things, George; that is, that we economize on our expenditures, and that what we do spend shall be in a way to bring most enjoyment to ourselves, by giving the most enjoyment to others. Let's give, what we give outside our own families, to those who need it."

"I don't think I follow you exactly," "Well, take myself, for instance. I am very fortunate if I get off with a hundred dollars. How much does it cost you?"

"I can't say definitely, but fully that much, I should judge."

"Suppose, then, we take our families into the scheme with us and agree to spend only \$50 for ourselves. Then we can spend \$25 each for a number of worthy poor families who are unable to provide for themselves, out of the ordinary, yet too proud or have too much self-respect to avail themselves of the public charities on that day. In that way we would be \$25 ahead, and at the same time be able to furnish 10 or 15 families with a turkey and the other necessities for a good Christmas dinner, and some candies and toys for the children."

"Good for you, Will, that suits me down to the ground, and I know my wife will be right in for it."

"I'm glad it strikes you so favorably, George. But if it's a good thing for us two, why not push it along a little? What's the matter with getting four or five or a half dozen of the other boys interested?"

"Nothing at all. There's Scott and Corwin and Wilson and Thompson and Smith, all of 'em good, wholesome fellows, and all here in the building. Suppose I phoned 'em to come up, and we'll talk the matter over. They're all pretty well fixed, too, and I believe will be glad to take a hand."

"Just the thing, George. The sooner we take hold and get it under way, the better."

"Accordingly an urgent message was telephoned in a half jovial, half mysterious way, to each one mentioned, to come to James' office at once on important business. All responded promptly, undecided as to whether it meant a practical joke or business of pressing importance."

Will called the meeting to order in a very formal manner and requested George to state its purpose.

Every one seemed to enter into the spirit of the object of the meeting, as well as into the half jovial, half formal, parliamentary manner in which it was conducted, and they were soon discussing the various sug-

gestions offered with the enthusiasm and abandon of a lot of school boys.

While there was no pooling as philanthropists, there was a wholesome spirit of consideration shown for the worthy unfortunate, that gave them a much deeper insight into each other's characters and drew them into closer bonds of sympathy than would a year of ordinary intercourse.

It was found that after they had all pledged themselves to the fund in accordance with the rule laid down, as to ability and percentage of ordinary expenditure, there would be something over a hundred and fifty dollars available.

It being essential to the carrying out of their plan that their families should be interested, a meeting was called for a subsequent evening at the residence of Mr. Corwin, at which all were represented.

The ladies and other members of the families entered into the movement with even more enthusiasm than the originators. Before the labor was completed of making out the list of those to be added and the various things to be contributed to each one, several meetings from these meetings, even enjoyment came from these meetings, twice over, than if the money expended had been for gifts for themselves.

The organization was kept secret from the public, but at the laughing suggestion of Mr. Scott, adopted the name: "The Associated Santa Claus." With each basket, delivered late on Christmas eve, at the door of various homes, was an envelope addressed to the recipient, containing a postal directed to "The Associated Santa Claus," Box 619, City; requesting that the receipt of the basket be acknowledged.

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edged, so that it might be known that it had not gone astray.

It is not the province of this story to tell of the joy of the little children in these 30 or 40 homes, over the receipt of some cherished toy, and the ever welcome candy and nuts, or of the heart-felt gratitude of the parents, that, for that one day of all others, their families had been permitted to partake of the comfort and luxury of a well filled table.

At the final meeting of the year, held the night after Christmas, at which the acknowledgments were read to the association, more than one woman's eyes were brimming with tears, and more than one man had a lump in his throat that was difficult to swallow, as he listened to the burning words of gratitude, for the joy that had been brought to their homes. Some were expressed in un-couth, and some in the most refined language, but all bore the impress of sincerity.

There was not a dissenting voice, when Mr. Wilson presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Christmas just passed has been the happiest one of our lives, and that we continue, as a permanent organization, "The Associated Santa Claus."—Ohio Magazine.

### HE NEARLY FORGOT.

Santa Claus May Be a Little Slow But Always Sure.

The old fiddler had been rasping away since three o'clock for the children's party, and it was not till nearly nine that he was told that they had danced enough, that he might go into the butler's room to get himself some supper, that in short he might go home. But the old fiddler wanted no supper. All he wanted was the sovereign he had to receive for his six hours' hard work. He was a bent, threadbare, worn, old fiddler, but when he left the great house his feet seemed to spring beneath him.

With his fiddle tucked under his arm, he set out for home, chuckling within himself for very joy.

At the corner there was a toy-shop. It was shut up, of course, but he knocked at the private door, and persuaded the proprietor to sell him a horse. It was quite a wonderful horse—made of wood, with a red saddle, and mane all complete. Then he went home—up the long, creaking staircase—up and up, till a shrill voice greeted him.

"Did you meet Santa Claus?" said the little voice.

"Yes, I met him at the corner," said the fiddler. And he told me to give you this."

"I thought he'd forgotten," said the little voice, almost choked with gloom. "Christmas is nearly gone."

"He did nearly forget," said the old man slyly. "But not quite. Santa Claus never quite forgets."

"I speak," said the little voice. "Santa Claus has so many little boys to go to, he couldn't get here any earlier. I hope he hasn't forgotten any other little boys."

EDITH KINLEY.

**Dells of Christmas.**

No other bells that ever rang  
O'er land or sea were like these;  
No other chiming, nor melodies,  
Nor any song that poet sang—  
Of Death's unbroken mysteries  
Of Life's swift-changing histories,  
Of Love's strange music to the breeze,  
Nor sweet on the wind's wings so far-flung,  
And beyond the highest star  
Far as the doors of Heaven are.

All other bells that be, ring clear  
And loud and sweet for the world's ear,  
Cadenzae tuned to blue and rose,  
Soft trilled lute, and dirges slow,  
Glad peals for joy, low peals for prayer,  
But this that thrills the Christmas air  
Breaks all of silence everywhere,  
The living and the dead are stirred,  
As with one vast out-reaching word—  
The grandest ever said or heard.

Chime! bells of Heaven, with clang and clang,  
O'er all the lands, o'er all the seas—  
No other bells that ever rang  
Since time began were like to these.

**Prior to the Estimate.**

"Yes, little girl," said the kind old man with the white whiskers; "I have an immense candy-store, and for Christmas I am going to give you all the candy you can eat."

"Oh, good!" cried the little girl, dancing about with happiness.

"Now," continued the kind old man, "how much candy can you eat?"

"I know much candy have you got?"

—Judge.

**Just Now.**

The coming man—Santa Claus.—Philadelphia Bulletin.



Little Miss Christmas

## Little Vida's Gray Muff

By KENDRICK FERRIS.



IT HAD begun way back in November—the Sunday after Thanksgiving, when Sallie Carter came in late to church with a gray astrakhan muff. The sermon was too "deep" for Vida, who had her hand on her face and was almost asleep, when a flash of gray in the next pew caused her to turn her head over so slightly and peep through her chubby fingers.

There it stood on the velvet cushion beside Sallie, trim, warm and lined with pearly gray-satin, exactly like Mrs. Carter's own beautiful big one, but smaller by half. A great longing began to grow in Vida's heart.

But from that day on till the 17th of December Vida thought of nothing but a gray muff—how she would look carrying it, how it would feel and how every Sunday afternoon she would let poor Dorothy Haines carry it for a whole block.

The 25th fell on Sunday that year, and Saturday morning dawned bright and clear. Vida and her mother were standing together at the nursery window, as with a jingle of merry bells the Carters' sleigh drove by.

Vida sighed contentedly.

"To-morrow," she said, "I shall be carrying a gray astrakhan muff."

Her mother looked at her questioningly.

"Santa Claus will bring it to me," Vida said in answer to the look.

Her mother laughed merrily. "Why, Vida, dear," she said, "You asked Santa Claus for seven other things—you said so only this morning. You couldn't expect him to remember them all, and he's as likely to forget the muff as the French doll, or the tea set. It's foolish to count on any one thing when you made so long a list. I told you to be moderate."

And her busy mother hurried off in answer to a call from Aunt Jane.

Not content on it? Why, she had done nothing but count on it ever since Santa Claus had found her note, says St. Nicholas. Not count on it? Why, Christmas would be nothing without it!

But her mother was right—he might forget it among so many things! Why hadn't she asked for only that one present? She didn't want those other things, anyway, and this was the day before Christmas—no word could reach Santa now.

The day passed feverishly for Vida. Upstairs and down she wandered from window to window, from person to person—wondering, unhappy, impatient. Would the long hours never go?

At last twilight came, and the darkness fell. And in the corner of the great hall, facing the clock on the stairs, Vida, a disconsolate little body, fell asleep.

Her mother awakened her when it was time to hank up her stockings, and then, in spite of her warning, and in spite of her long hours of worry, hope was born again, and when Vida kissed her mother good night visions of gray astrakhan muffs danced in her head.

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!"

It seemed to Vida she had but closed her eyes, and there stood mother and Aunt Jane beside her bed, one with her worried shoes and the other with her red elderdown wrapper to hurry her over to the nursery, where her father stood awaiting at the door.

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" Oh, papa, I said it first!" she cried, laughingly, as her father caught her in his arms.

Vida drew a quiet breath, and gave a little happy exclamation. Then she flew straight to the fireplace—the muff should be there.

Of the seven presents six were not forgotten, and there were others she had not asked for.

But Vida's lips were quivering, and a great lump swelled in her throat. The muff—the beautiful gray astrakhan muff was not there. Santa Claus had forgotten it.

But Vida was brave. And she would not let those who loved her see her cry, or suspect her disappointment. She turned away from them and went to the north window, fighting with her tears.

"Oh, papa, papa," she cried excitedly. "Come here, come here right away. See, there is something out on the roof!"

Her father opened the window quickly, and climbed out. Vida's heart beat so wildly she could scarcely breathe. Her father was picking up a box—it was about the size of Aunt Jane's corky jar, and it was round.

"Well," her father said, "as he climbed back into the nursery, 'There is something out on the roof,' and from its size I guess it's meant for you."

Vida's hands trembled so she could scarcely tug it up the round top of the box. Just as it was about to yield, a sudden fear fell upon her heart.

"Papa, perhaps—perhaps he didn't mean it for me. Perhaps he dropped it, and it belongs to some other little girl."

Her father's eyes twinkled.

"Look at the bottom of the box, little one," he said.

Vida turned the box upside down. There was her name—Vida Sumner Lane, as plain as plain could be, and while she was staring at it, a open mouthed, out dropped—out a little gray astrakhan muff, and a little collar soft as chamois one and a little collar soft as chamois one.

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## Simple Simon's Part in a Christmas Dinner

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Most of Speckle's offspring came in twos. There were two fluffy white chickens, two pert black ones, two

feather-breadth escapes known only to herself and the Martin family.

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poultry," he drawled. "Turkeys are awful scarce this year and prices big. I 'low mobbe we'd better sell all ourn and eat Simon for our Christmas dinner. One goose ain't any good and he eats more than any hog on the place."

"Pearsa like Simon was just made to die young, anyhow," agreed Mary. "Lat! the times I've reaskwed him!"

Fully a month before Christmas city people began to send out to engage one or two of Farmer Martin's well known turkeys. A week before the day Mary Ann shut up all the salable turkeys and Simon in a couple of large carriage crates which served as coops. They must have the choicest food and be ready to deliver into the hands of the many stiff-backed coachmen who came for them daily. The gobblers spread their fine young tails and grew red with indignation; but Simon took it all as philosophically as was his wont, contentedly eating more than his share of food and on warm days wallowing in the basin of drinking water.

Soon all but two of the turkeys were carried away. One of the two, a handsome young gobbler, Col. Robertson and his grandson would call for on Thursday. Proudly and stiffly the young turkey strutted up and down the new roomy cage, and gobbled his protest from morning till night at the top of his voice. Simon lay at his ease in the basin and blinked at his frate companion as if the air around him did not fairly reek with garlic. Whenever the turkey came too near in his swollen





## Baby's First Christmas

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### SANTA'S LIGHT LOAD

By BERTHA E. BUSH.

"UT, mamma, Santa Claus can go anywhere where there is snow. He has his sleigh, you know. And there is snow here, plenty of snow."

The sick woman, lying on the bed in the little pioneer cabin, looked at the white whirl of flakes that shut out all but the gray daylight from the little windows and shuddered. Yes, there was plenty of snow. You could not see even the dimmest outline of anything that was ten feet away. And



But even Mark's Ghost was welcome, somewhere out in the snow—she knew not where—her husband was journeying. Three weeks ago he had started on the nearest town 60 miles away for supplies. He had been sure that he would return in a week. Was he lying now under one of those huge white drifts? Was he out in this dreadful blizzard, perhaps freezing to death at this very minute. She turned away from the window and moaned. She could not bear to answer the child. But Hattie, the hired girl, who never seemed to lose heart, answered cheerily:

"Land sakes, yes, there is plenty of snow, Lillie. But you know Santa Claus is getting old. He can drive in the snow of course, but a howling blizzard like this might freeze him stiff. You'd better make up your mind not to get any Christmas presents this year, Lillie. You wouldn't want dear old Santa Claus frozen to death."

"No, of course not. But papa goes out on the prairie. Why shouldn't Santa Claus? Don't you think he could get here with a light load? You know, when we came, we got stuck in the sloughs lots of times and papa unloaded the wagon and got it across empty. Don't you think Santa Claus could do that?"

"But if he unloaded his sleigh he couldn't bring you any Christmas presents."

"Oh, he could just take out the heavy things. Don't you think he could bring me some present that was light, Hattie?"

"Yes, he shall," said Hattie, with determination.

She was only the hired girl who had come in friendly pioneer fashion to help the settler's wife through her sickness; but to the inmates of the little cabin she was a ministering angel. Strong and faithful and efficient, an angel could hardly have done more in that prairie home. Yet she did not look in the least like an angel as she put on the pioneer's old cap and coat, tied a red woolen scarf around her neck, drew old stockings over her shoes and floundered out through the drifts, snow and ice in the wind, to do the chores for the night. Not a glimpse of the hearth or the glow of the fire could be seen from the cabin door. Hattie tied a long rope to the door knob and carefully held the other end as she walked toward it. She knew too well how more than one pioneer had lost their way in the trackless whiteness at no greater distance than this from their homes, and been frozen to death.

She pulled down hay and fed the stock and milked. She brought out pails full of the snow water she had melted in the big wash boiler for them to drink. She brought in a great supply of fuel and made everything outdoors and in as snug and cheerful as possible. Then she cooked the supper—that did not take long for there was little to cook—and washed up the dishes and cared for the sick woman and the little babe. She put Lillie to bed in the queer little trundle-bed—the child chattering about Santa Claus every minute—and tucked her in as happy as if there were no fear or anxiety in the world; oh, what would the pioneer families have done without the "girls" of that time?

The mercury ranged 4 and 5 degrees below zero. The storm outside howled with the fury of a legion of demons. In some drift out there in the whiteness John Carver might be sinking to death now.

The baby cried and the sick woman moaned. "There was no lack of occupation for the young helper. Hattie's strong arms held the child till it was quieted and at the same time heated flannels, brought water, smoothed pillows, and did everything that could be done for the anxious young mother."

"Hattie, you haven't anything to worry you," cried the sick woman, enviously.

"Not a thing except what worries other people," answered Hattie. But she knew that all the time she carried beneath her songs and cheery words a heartache that was as hard to bear as the young wife's own.

It was Mark for whom her heart ached. A year ago she had thought that by this time she and Mark would be settled in a pioneer cabin of their own. Her quilts were all quilted, her store of household goods was ready, but a coldness had come between them, and Mark had gone away—"back east where girls were plenty."

Since then she had been learning to live without him and it was a bitter lesson. True she did not speak of it, not even to her best friends, but the ache was always there.

Her work was done at last. She had time to look at little Lillie slumbering in her low trundle-bed with her stocking spread out trustfully on the pillow beside her. Now was the time for Santa Claus to come. But the sick mother was too ill and broken with anxiety to be bothered. There was nobody to fill that stocking but Hattie, and nothing to fill it with except what her girl's wit might devise. She was very tired. All day she

had been battling against storm and sickness, doing a woman's work and a man's too. Now she must do Santa Claus' work. Was ever a Santa Claus so sleepy? Oh, what would she not give to throw herself on the bed, dressed as she was, and sleep? But there was no time for that. Santa Claus must come to the waiting child. She knew that in a little while the sick woman would rouse again and need her. Softly and wearily she lifted the one little drop-leaf table over to the window farthest from the sick mother and placed the lamp upon it. Then she got out her precious, dimming store of letter paper that had to be brought to her from 6 miles away, like the rest of the supplies, and the clumsy shears, and began to make paper dolls.

Clip, clip, went the big shears. Then and the rustle of the paper were the only sounds to be heard. Gradually she realized that the howling of the wind had ceased and the blizzard had gone down.

Lillie's words kept repeating themselves sleepily in her tired brain. "A light load." Surely this Christmas gift would be light enough for Santa Claus to take anywhere. Clip, clip, went the shears, and wonderful creations fell from Hattie's hands. There was a father with a miniature newspaper spread out before him. There was a mother with a baby in her arms and another in a tiny paper cradle at her feet. There were brothers and sisters.

Snip—snip—her hands went slower and slower until the last of the paper family trailed off into useless cuttings. Then Hattie's weary head sank down on the table and Hattie was asleep. Asleep and dreaming of Mark.

In the daytime she could keep the thought of him away from her with fierce determination. In the night it would come. She was dreaming and she knew it. She had dreamed of him too often not to know. And in

the Christmas spirit warmed the old lady's heart, and she said to theattered, shivering tramp:

"If I give you a nickel how can I be sure that you won't go straight off and get intoxicated with it?"

"Madam," the man answered, pointing to the huddled corner saloon, "it would give me great pleasure to afford you practical demonstration that the sum isn't enough for the purpose."

On this evening many children may be seen standing about in groups, and gazing wistfully up at the sky, looking for the heavenly messengers of "Peace on earth, good will to men."



nor dream the door burst open and Mark stood before her. Of course it could not be real. Or, rather, it was a dream of Mark's ghost all deathly white. But even Mark's ghost was welcome. There could not be any harm in embracing a ghost in a dream. She threw her arms around his neck.

But this was no dream. It was too real and it was too cold. It was a real man who stood before her, benumbed with cold, and covered with snow from head to foot.

In a flash she came out of her dream. It was well for Mark that she knew just what she was, and that she knew what to do. She brought the great tub of melting snow-water, cut off the frozen footwear and mittens and plunged his feet and hands in it. She rubbed his face with snow. She made hot coffee—blessing the forethought that had kept the kettle filled with boiling water for the sick woman's use—and forced him to drink it. Little by little life and strength came back to him and incoherent words.

"Started—with Craver. He wanted to see—his wife. I wanted—to see—you. Blizzards came up. Lost our way. Dug a hole in the snow and stayed two night. Went a long while—and came to Smith's farm. Craver—too badly frozen—to go on. Will be all right after awhile, but couldn't go on then. Wanted to like fury. Smith had to hold him back. Good thing. He couldn't have come on his frozen feet. I—came on alone. Got lost again. Been lost all day. Prayed near—gave out. Thought I'd have—give up. So dark and cold. Saw—your light when wind went down. Came to—your."

The words might be jerky and disjointed, but Hattie understood it and never words sounded sweeter.

"Santa Claus did come in the night," chirruped Lillie. "I saw him. He was all white. And he brought me this." She held up the precious paper doll family.

"Aren't they lubby. I fought he could get free with a light load."

Then another thought came to her.

"But he didn't bring anything to you, Hattie. That's too bad."

"No, no, it's as good as it could be." Hattie laughed out in pure joy. "He brought me the one thing I wanted most in the world. And I shall be thankful to him every day I live; for if I had not kept my lamp burning in the window while I was working—I mean waiting for him—Mark would not have found the way."

### WHEN CHRISTMAS WAS ILLEGAL

In Cromwell's Time the People Could Not Celebrate.

"Christmas was illegal in Cromwell's time," said an antiquary. "Those cursed old Puritans are so gloomy that they would not have any gaiety even on Christmas day. Cromwell said that holy and mistletoe were heathenish things. He said that they had no real Christmas significance—they were a part of some pagan festival of the Druids. Accordingly he made a law that, if you decorated your house with mistletoe or holly at Christmas, you got 30 days in jail."

"The tobacco pipe, for instance, no smoking, no playing, no feasting on Christmas day—penalty, 30 days."

"You see, it was his idea that Christmas was a religious, a serious time, for churchgoing and prayer and reverence, and for nothing else. The innocent family that in Cromwell's day sat down to turkey and plum pudding and wound up with Christmas games got a month all round."

"Only for a time, though. The people rebelled. Willing as the people had been to put on the gloom of those dreadful old Puritans, they insisted on having a little joy on Christmas day, and Cromwell, after a year or two, had to give in to them."

Willing to Prove It.

The Christmas spirit warmed the old lady's heart, and she said to theattered, shivering tramp:

"If I give you a nickel how can I be sure that you won't go straight off and get intoxicated with it?"

"Madam," the man answered, pointing to the huddled corner saloon, "it would give me great pleasure to afford you practical demonstration that the sum isn't enough for the purpose."

On this evening many children may be seen standing about in groups, and gazing wistfully up at the sky, looking for the heavenly messengers of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

### NEW STRENGTH FOR OLD BACKS.

No Need to Suffer Every Day from Backache.

Mrs. Joannah Straw, 526 North Broadway, Canton, S. D., says: "For three years I suffered everything with rheumatism in my limbs and a dull, ceaseless aching in my back. I was weak, languid, broken with headaches and dizziness, and the kidney secretions were thick with solids. I was really in a critical condition when I began with Doan's Kidney Pills, and they certainly did wonders for me. Though I am 61 years old, I am as well as the average woman of 50. I work well, eat well and sleep well."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Daily Thought.

A little run.  
A little play.  
A little laughter  
Every day.  
A little school  
And well content  
A little bit of waywardness.  
A little grief  
A little weep  
As down the later  
Years we go.  
A little love  
A little strife.  
A deal of hope—  
And this is life.

### Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by the use of the Serravallo's Tonic. It is a powerful blood purifier and it cures deafness by restoring the hearing power of the ear. It is a powerful blood purifier and it cures deafness by restoring the hearing power of the ear. It is a powerful blood purifier and it cures deafness by restoring the hearing power of the ear.

### His Advice.

"Well, Uncle Josh," said the fond mother after her daughter had thrilled a few times for the purpose of impressing their relative from the country, "what do you think of it? Would you advise me to have Daisy's voice cultivated?"

"Yes, I guess I would. Git it cultivated while and then have it seeded down. Gosh, but you people seem to be warm-blooded here. I'd freeze if I had to depend on them steam pipes for heat."

### Preacher's Comforting Remarks.

At an evening prayer meeting in a Maine village the senior deacon, Dominicus Jordan, arose to make appropriate scriptural remarks about the death of the late Miss Simpkins. In conclusion the deacon said: "I respected Miss Simpkins, the members of this church respected Miss Simpkins, the citizens of this town respected Miss Simpkins, but now she's dead and gone to the Lord, and the scripture saith, 'The Lord is no respecter of persons.'—Exchange."

### How He Did It.

Early in the morning session, when the pupils were feeling bright and happy, the teacher thought it a good plan to give them sentences to correct, both as to grammar and sense. She accordingly wrote on the blackboard:

"The hen has four legs. He done it."

Thoughtful little Ignatius, at the foot of the class, pondered deeply, and at the end of 15 minutes' time, allowed for correction, he wrote:

"He didn't done it; God done it."

HAD NO DOUBT OF HIS FATE.

Mr. Jerome Evidently Was Aware of His Wife's Culinary Ability.

Some weeks ago the wife of Judge Blunk of Pacific avenue, lost her cook, and since she had no other resource she rolled up her sleeves and for a week provided such meals as the judge had not enjoyed since those happy days when the Blunks did not keep a cook. The judge's delight was so great that by way of appreciative acknowledgment he presented Mrs. Blunk with a beautiful ermine cloak. Quite naturally, the incident was a good deal noised about among the social acquaintances of the Blunks and a spirit of envious emulation was developed in certain quarters. It was in this mood that Mrs. Jerome recited the story to her husband. "What do I get, Jerry," she asked, "if I will do the cooking for a week?" "Well," said Mr. Jerome, "at the end of a week, my dear, you'll get one of those long crepe velvets."—San Francisco Argonaut.

### BOTH GAINED

Man and Wife Fatten on Grape-Nuts.

The notion that meat is necessary for real strength and the foundation of solid flesh is no longer as prevalent as formerly.

Excessive meat eaters are usually sluggish a part of the time because they are not able to fully digest their food, and the undigested portion is changed into what is practically a kind of poison that acts upon the blood and nerves, thus getting all through the system.

"I was a heavy meat eater," writes an ill man, "and up to two years ago, was in very poor health. I suffered with indigestion so that I only weighed 95 pounds."

"Then I heard about Grape-Nuts and decided to try it. My wife laughed at me at first but when I gained to 125 pounds and felt so fine, she thought she would eat Grape-Nuts too."

"Now she is fat and well and has gained 40 pounds. We never have indigestion any more and seldom feel the desire for meat. A neighbor of ours, 68 years old, was troubled with indigestion for years; was a heavy meat eater, and now since he has been eating Grape-Nuts regularly, he says he is well and never has indigestion. I could name a lot of persons who have really been cured of indigestion by changing from a heavy meat diet to Grape-Nuts."

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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### CONTAGION A QUESTION OF PREVENTION

Sluts, drains, eating and cooking utensils, sick room linen and clothing frequently carry the dreaded disease germ unnoticed by the household.

Thorough and hygienic cleansing is the best safeguard against infection, and such a safeguard is found in the universal household necessity—Dorax. This simple preventive carries in itself, disinfecting qualities which enter the fabric or act upon the article to be cleansed in a hygienic manner, eliminating every unwholesome property, rendering it contagion-proof, while at the same time Dorax is of itself as harmless as salt.

Unlike most disinfectants which depend upon their strength of odor or harmful-to-the-system qualities, to arrest or prevent contagion, Dorax is Nature's remedy, being easy to obtain and easy to apply, a simple solution in hot water being all the application necessary and requiring no prescription, it can be obtained from any grocer or druggist in convenient, economical household packages.

In addition to its disinfecting qualities, Dorax is especially a household necessity, and can be used for softening water, cleansing and whitening clothes, clearing the skin, whitening hands, makes an excellent dandruff remover and can be used on the dustiest or most delicate fabrics without injury, while as an adjunct to the bath it removes all odor of perspiration and leaves the skin soft and velvety.

### RATHER A POINTED REBUKE.

Minister's Amendment to Usual Grace Fitted Circumstances.

A Pennsylvania divine formed one of a house-party in Philadelphia where the younger son, in accordance with what the clergyman observed to be his constant habit, as soon as he had seated himself at breakfast immediately possessed himself of a large slice of bread, the quality of which he proceeded to test by a liberal mouthful.

The minister, a stickler in such matters of propriety, gazed blandly at him for a moment or so; then he folded his hands and closed his eyes in preparation for grace.

"For what we are about to receive," he intoned with painful emphasis, "and for what our young friend has already received, Lord, make us truly thankful."—Harper's Weekly.

### Truthful Boast.

A party of traveling men in a Chicago hotel were one day boasting of the business done by their respective firms, when one of the drummers said: "No house in the country, I am proud to say, has more men and women pushing its line of goods than mine." "What do you sell?" he was asked. "Baby carriages!" shouted the drummer, as he fled from the room.—Success Magazine.

### Important to Mothers.

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### Dire Expectation.

"Did you have an excuse for staying away from school to-day?" said one small boy.

"No," answered the other, "but if father delivers the chastisement I expect, I'll have a good excuse for staying away to-morrow."

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Mix half ounce of Concentrated oil of pine with two ounces of glycerine and half a pint of good whisky; shake well each time and use in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours.

This is the formula prescribed by the renowned throat and lung specialist who established the camp for consumptives in the pine woods of Maine and whose remarkable cures attracted widespread attention among the medical fraternity. He declares that it will heal the lungs and cure any cough that is curable and will break up an acute cold in 24 hours. The ingredients can be secured from any prescription druggist at a small cost and is easily mixed at home.

No sure not to buy the ordinary bulk oil of pine nor patent medicine imitations, as they will produce asthma. The real "Concentrated" oil of pine is a product of the laboratories of the Globe Pharmaceutical Co., Dayton, Ohio, and is guaranteed under the National Pure Food and Drug Act. It comes put up for medicinal use in half-ounce vials enclosed in round air-tight cases which protect it from heat and light.

Served Accordingly. At a man's cafe one night a young American—a barber—fell in with an Englishman. The latter was berating the Yankee for doing all manner of business in their shops and not following the better English plan of sticking to one branch.

The next day he swaggered into the barber shop to be shaved. The barber gave his face an extra good soaping and left him, at the same time sooting himself to read.

The Englishman kept quiet for a few minutes, when, seeing his attendant reading, he blurted out: "Why don't you shave me, sir?"

"You will have to go up the street for your shave," quietly replied the barber. "We only shave here."

A Kind Word for Charley. "I suppose," said the caller, "that your husband expects to win a great deal of money at the races."

"Yes," answered young Mrs. Torkins. "I don't think that for the next week or two anybody will be able to accuse Charley of hearing his money."

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#### LAFOLLETTE FOR PRESIDENT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.  
As the air clears following the son-  
nation caused by the Roosevelt retire-  
ment announcement, the figure of  
Senator LaFollette looms larger in the  
political vision.  
It is recognized that the do-nothing  
policy of the present session of con-  
gress is going to make a most effec-  
tive argument for LaFollette. There  
is plenty of public opinion in favor of  
legislative accomplishment along pro-  
gressive lines, but it is not going to  
be crystallized into many laws at this  
season because the inertia of congress  
will be too strong to be overcome  
readily.

Getting legislation through con-  
gress is a mighty big and serious busi-  
ness. It requires the fullest exer-  
tion of all the power of public opinion  
headed by an executive. With a deter-  
mination to prod, prod, until results  
are secured.

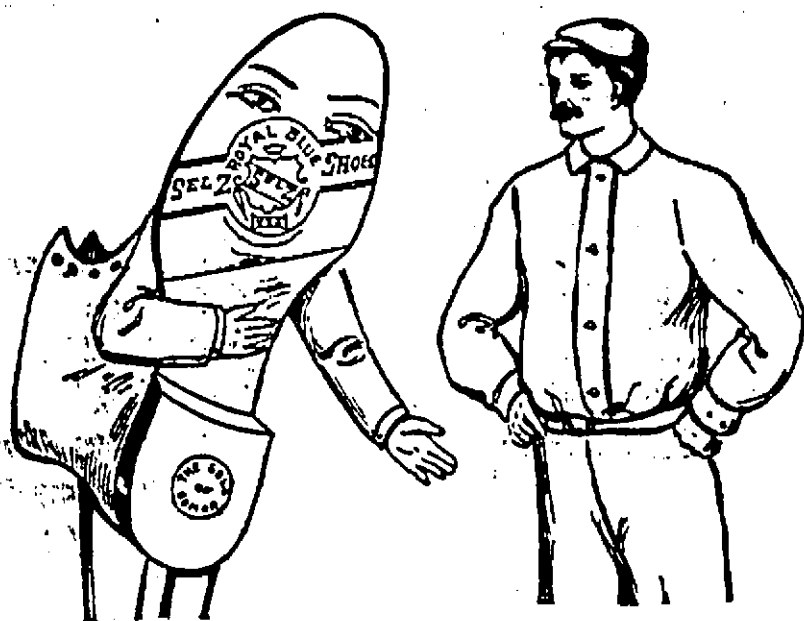
**MUST HAVE A LIVE PRESIDENT.**  
President Roosevelt's accomplish-  
ment in the passage of the rate law is  
the finest illustration in recent years  
of this need of executive pressure.  
The Roosevelt programme is only be-  
gun to be enacted into law, and there  
is going to be a period of cessation  
from further accomplishment along  
this line in all probability covering  
the life of the sixtieth congress.

Whether this programme shall be  
taken up again and pressed forward  
to more achievement, by the congress  
that will be elected in November of  
1908 is declared by public men to de-  
pend largely on the next president. A  
vigorous, forceful man who represents  
some very definite view and has pub-  
lic sentiment at his back will be the  
only man able to get real results.

**LOOK TO LAFOLLETTE AS THE MAN.**  
The politicians look to LaFollette  
as that man. Senator Chandler's in-  
terview indicated the view of a dis-  
tinguished eastern Republican who,  
though of New England, is yet will-  
ing frankly to call himself a radical.

"The Republicans cannot carry the  
country without a radical pro-  
gramme," he said today. "They will  
have a radical platform. Whether  
they are sincere in the adoption of  
that platform will be decided, in the  
public mind, by a study of the man  
they name for president. The peo-  
ple will not believe in professions of  
a progressive platform if a weak or  
reactionary man is placed on that  
platform. A radical platform with a  
radical candidate will be accepted as  
honest." Senator Chandler insists  
that LaFollette is the one best man  
for the party to nominate on a La-  
Follette-Roosevelt platform. He be-  
lieves, moreover, that there is now  
an excellent chance of just this hap-  
pening, and the number of public  
men who have never been suspected  
of LaFollette leanings that are now  
coming to this view is astonishingly  
large.

New line of neckties for the Hol-  
days at The Hub.



**ANY day's a good day to come here**  
and get acquainted with Selz Royal  
Blue shoe. You'll never get acquainted  
with any better shoes.

They're made right, for fit, for style,  
and for long service. You get a positive  
guarantee of it with every pair.

And they'll cost you \$3.50, \$4 or \$5;  
whatever price you pay they're worth it.

**A. SCHAUDER, Rhinelander, Wis.**

#### JULY 7 IS CONVENTION DAY.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Official an-  
nouncement of the date of the na-  
tional democratic convention was  
made Friday. It will be held July 7,  
the scene being Denver.

Denver, Col., Dec. 14.—Denver is  
celebrating its victory in the fight for  
the democratic national convention.  
Enthusiastic members of the party  
found vent for their feelings in torch-  
light processions and impromptu fire-  
works in various parts of the city.

The convention structure is being  
erected by the municipality. Funds  
for the purpose were obtained by a  
special bond issue. The cost, it is es-  
timated, will reach \$600,000. The  
building will have a seating capacity  
under normal conditions of 10,000.  
By using extra seats and the balconies  
14,000 persons can be crowded into its  
walls.

The structure is located at the cor-  
ner of Fourteenth and Curtis Streets,  
within two blocks of the main busi-  
ness thoroughfare. Most of the im-  
portant car lines pass on Fifteenth  
Street, within a block of the building,  
and no car line is farther away than  
three blocks. These lines all run in-  
to a central "loop" only three squares

from the Auditorium, so there will be  
no need of transfers from any part of  
the city to the convention hall.  
Headquarters for the democrats will  
be at the democratic club, three  
blocks from the Auditorium.

#### A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver  
mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges  
and strange natural formations, is a  
veritable wonderland. At Mount  
City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp  
a wonderful case of healing has lately  
occurred. Her son seemed near death  
with lung and throat trouble. "Ex-  
hausting coughing spells occurred  
every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp  
"when I began giving Dr. Kings New  
Discovery, the great medicine, that  
saved his life and completely cured  
him." Guaranteed for coughs and  
colds, throat and lung troubles, by  
J. J. Reardon druggist. 50c and \$1.00.  
Trial bottle free.

#### HAZING SMASHED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.  
When Senator Jeff Davis of Arkan-  
sas today opened his trust speech, this  
being the ninth day of his senatorial  
career, not a member walked out.  
They sat in their seats and listened

intently. Not in a long time has a  
senator had so good an audience.  
Never in the memory of man has a  
new senator been able thus to break  
into the game without being hazed.  
The wonder of it was upon the gal-  
leries and the newspaper men till a  
veteran senator explained.

"LaFollette busted this business of  
hazing," he said. "The senate last  
year hazed him when he made his  
rate bill speech. Everybody walked  
out on him. What happened? La-  
Follette simply announced when the  
chamber was empty that people who  
had been walking out would later be  
anxious to get into line with the  
views that he and the plain people  
entertained. Well, that expression  
caught the country. Later LaFol-  
lette went lecturing about the coun-  
try and told folks how he was hazed.  
The people didn't approve of the pro-  
ceeding, and the senate has discov-  
ered that hazing does the hazer more  
harm than the hazed. As a result  
the new senator from Arkansas was  
well received and courteously heard.  
I guess hazing is ended, and LaFol-  
lette is the man who ended it."—Ex-  
change.

#### When to Go Home.

From the Bluffton, Ind., Banner:  
"When tired, go home. When you  
want consolation, go home. When  
you want fun, go home. When you  
want to show others that you have  
reformed, go home and let your fam-  
ily get acquainted with the fact.  
When you want to show yourself at  
your best, go home and do the act  
there. When you feel like being ex-  
tra liberal go home and practice on  
your wife and children first. When  
you want to shine with extra bril-  
liancy go home and light up the  
whole household." To which we  
would add, when you have a bad cold  
go home and take Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy and a quick cure is  
certain. For sale by Hinman & Co.

#### EXCHANGES.

EAGLE RIVER REVIEW, DEC. 13.  
Geo. Rogers went to Rhinelander  
today to attend the funeral of Miss  
Eby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Kinney de-  
parted Thursday on a trip to Rhine-  
lander.

Deputy Game Warden Martin Berg  
of Rhinelander, spent Sunday in town  
the guest of James Oberholtzer, re-  
turning home Monday.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN, WAUSAU.  
The Brokaw paper mill resumed  
operations Monday morning, after  
having been closed down for a few  
days to allow repairs and improve-  
ments to be made. A reduction of  
ten per cent. in wages was made  
among about one hundred of the men,  
and as a result a number of the men  
quit their jobs. Their places were  
immediately filled as there were more  
than enough men to fill the places  
left vacant.

Physical Director W. H. Norman

has received a challenge from Co. L  
team, W. N. G. at Rhinelander, for a  
game between that team and that of  
the Y. M. C. A. of this city, to be  
played at Rhinelander next Thurs-  
day evening. The "Y" team of this  
place will be a strong and fast one.  
Don Wilson will be center, Leander  
Ringle forward, Howard Van Ade-  
stine guard and Arthur James substi-  
tute. The other guard has not been  
decided upon. Physical Director Nor-  
man will accompany the team. The  
boys intend to give the Rhinelander  
team the game of their lives.

#### How Diphtheria is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "my  
child caught a severe cold which de-  
veloped into diphtheria," when the  
truth was that the cold had simply  
left the little one particularly sus-  
ceptible to the wonderful diphtheria  
germ. When Chamberlain's Cough  
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cold and lessens the danger of diph-  
theria or any other germ disease be-  
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## DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAUSES SICKNESS

Modern People Have Many Names for Same  
Diseases, According to New Belief!

Does human health depend on one  
organ alone? This question is becom-  
ing widely discussed since L. T.  
Cooper first advanced his theory that  
the stomach is the true seat of life  
and all health dependent upon it.

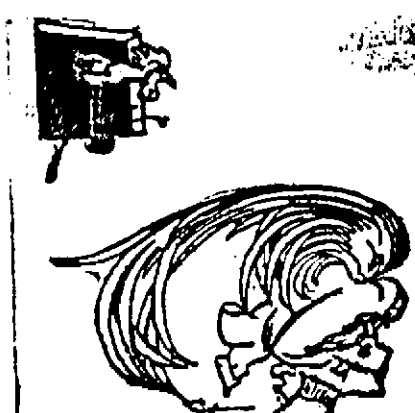
Mr. Cooper, who has met with re-  
markable success in the sale of his  
new medicine, believes that the stom-  
ach is responsible for most sickness,  
and that this organ is weak in the  
present generation.

This theory recently, he said: "I am  
asked time and again to tell why my  
medicine has made such a record  
wherever I have introduced it. My  
answer always is, 'because it restores  
the stomach to a normal condition.'"

No one will deny that today there are  
more half-sick men and women than  
ever before. Nothing critical seems to  
be the matter with them. They are  
just half-sick most of the time. They  
don't know really what is the matter  
with them. I have talked with thou-  
sands during the past two years, and  
few knew indeed what their trouble  
was. One said nervousness, another  
said kidney trouble, another liver com-  
plaint, some constipation, or heart  
trouble, or lung trouble. Many had  
been treated, as they called it, for most  
of these diseases at different times. A  
very common complaint is 'all run  
down,' or 'tired all the time,' or 'no  
appetite.'"

"I know positively that every bit of  
this chronic ill health is caused by  
stomach trouble, and nothing else. My  
New Discovery puts the stomach in  
sound condition in about six weeks,  
and selling them in large quantities.  
Mighty few people can be sick with a  
sound digestion. That is why my med-  
icine is selling at such a tremendous  
rate. I have convinced many thou-  
sands of people that these things are  
so, and the number is growing by  
leaps and bounds."

Among more recent converts to Mr.  
Cooper's beliefs is Mr. Edgar L. Hinds,  
living at 6 Tappan Street, Everett,  
Mass. Mr. Hinds has this to say, on  
the subject:  
"I have suffered with stomach  
trouble for eight years. I was not sick  
enough to be in bed, but just felt bad  
all the time. My greatest trouble was  
that I always felt tired, would get up  
in the morning feeling as tired as  
when I went to bed.  
"I had a very irregular appetite, and  
was troubled with dizzy spells. If I  
stood for any length of time, I would  
have a dull pain in the lower part of  
my back. I was nervous and felt all  
the time as though something terrible  
was going to happen. I tried many  
kinds of medicine, but nothing ever  
helped me.  
"I had about given up all hope of  
ever being in good health again, when  
I heard so much of Cooper and de-  
cided to try his medicine. I took one  
bottle of his New Discovery and was  
greatly surprised at the result. I  
gained 12 pounds in a few weeks. I  
can now eat anything I wish, and feel  
like a new man. I cheerfully recom-  
mend this medicine to all sufferers  
from stomach trouble.  
It is worth anyone's time, who is not  
enjoying good health, to learn of Mr.  
Cooper's wonderful preparations. We  
are selling them in large quantities.  
—J. J. Reardon.



The rooster cried:  
"I could swear, if  
I tried,  
That there goes a  
bonnet,  
With my tail feath-  
ers on it."

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those fine Singer Sewing machines. Come in  
and let us tell you how to get one \$15.00 off  
from the regular price, and not pay cash either.  
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made and sold, or over three times as many as  
all other makes combined.

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graph and over 200 records, sold on easy pay-  
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15 per cent on Silverware  
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